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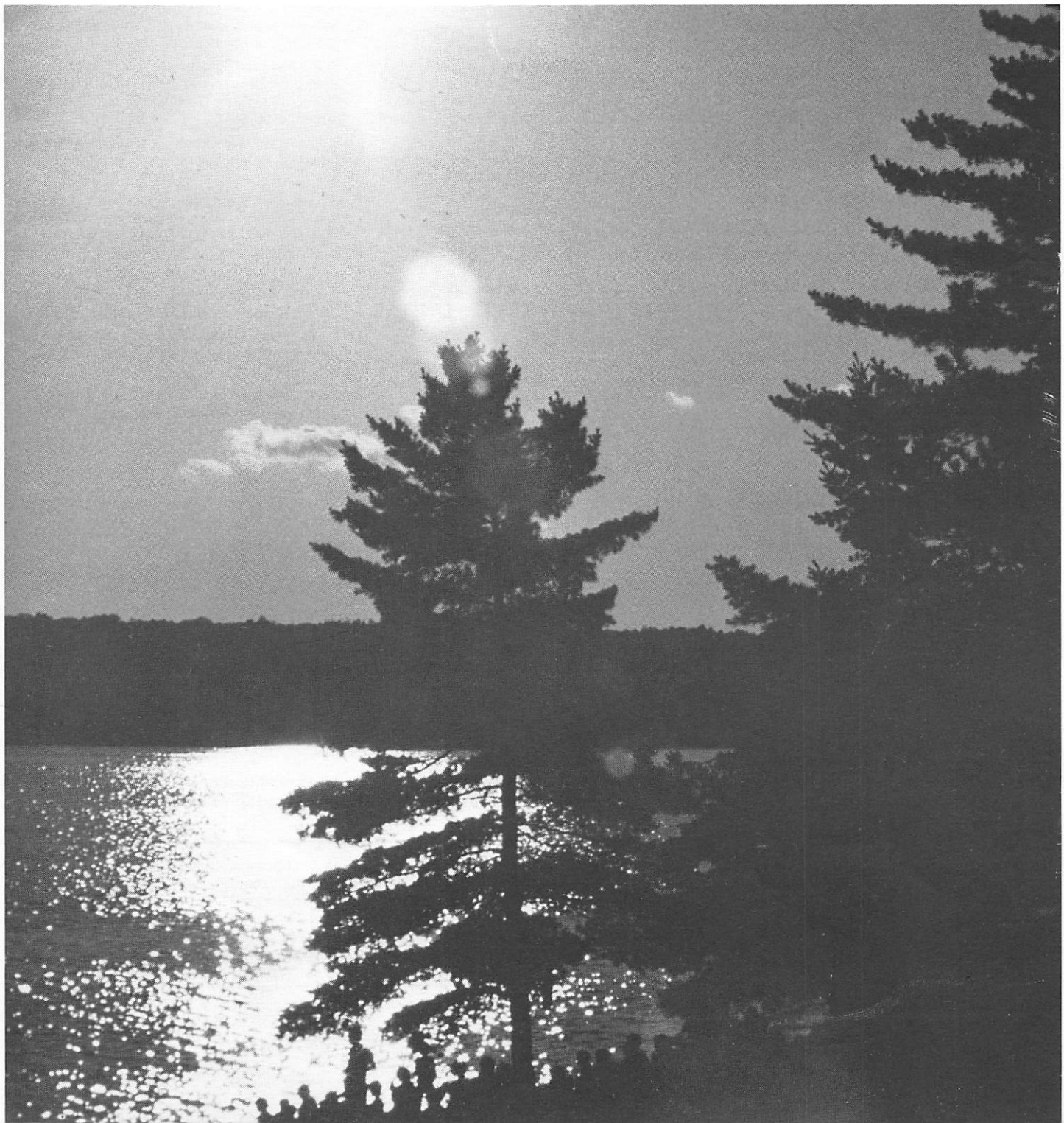

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to compliment you on your Spring '84 editorial; you carefully displayed many of society's specific flaws while giving us a wide range of examples.

I agree with the philosopher who identified our "central problem" as our lack of being neighbourly – in the spiritual sense of the word – and charitable. More often than not, we tend to get too wrapped up in ourselves and fail to understand or reach out to our neighbours. Yes, we have come a long way, but we also have a very long way to go. Finally, I would like to commend you on your choice of cover photo.

Dorothy Nielson
Toronto, Ontario

I appreciated your Spring editorial. I have been friends for a long time now with someone who possesses a disability. I have never really given it much thought but recently, I have begun to learn of the much deeper feelings that aren't always evident. We often have pleasant and good times together but, on occasion, he feels moody and depressed and increasingly declines invitations to go out.

He says that, at times, he doesn't care what people think but, deep down, he is sensitive to society's ignorance and society's reaction to him. He would like to see this changed and be treated as "normally" as everyone else.

My friend is a wonderful person but it is a shame and a sin when we, in society, treated disabled people as if they are freaks to be stared at and, in some instances, ridiculed.

In actuality, your editorial makes me realize that it's not really my friend who has the problem, is it?

Harry Rokkos
Etobicoke, Ontario

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information they can get the better. It is my view that preparing themselves, their staff, their parents, their campers and their physical site is really not that difficult. Most camp directors I know rise to a challenge. If one continually puts up barriers to integration, disabled children will continue to be isolated and not have the opportunity to be equal participating members of their community as they grow through their teens to adulthood. Camp is an ideal setting for a child to be challenged and to grow and camp directors must find the courage to break down the barriers.

Resources:

1) In every province there is an agency working with physically disabled children and adults. Contact: Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, 1 Yonge Street, Suite 2110, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1E8 (416) 862-0340 to obtain name and address of the specific agency in your province.

2) Contact: Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded, 4700 Keele Street, Kinsmen Building, Downsview, Ontario M3J 1P3 to obtain contact for local chapter or Association.

3) Local public library may carry a selection of books relating specifically to "Special Populations" or they should be able to order them for you.

4) Colleges or Universities in your area offering related courses may have written resources. You may be able to use students in these courses in your program – perhaps for credit in their course.

5) National Building Code – Supplement #5 – National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

6) Provincial Building Code – Supplement dealing with accessibility for disabled persons – Contact the Provincial Ministry in charge of Building Codes. These codes will provide you with the proper dimensions and details when altering your physical site.

7) Barrier Free Design Centre, c/o Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, 357 Bay Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2T7 (416) 364-9079.

8) Canadian Red Cross – Water Safety Service Adapted Aquatics Program contact your local office.

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EDITORIAL
The Bible Tells Me So!!

What does it mean to be Christian? What does it mean to be religious? What does it mean to be charitable or spiritual? What is truth?

All too often today the guise of religion or Christianity is used to justify actions which may be hostile, uncharitable or inhumane. And the Bible is often cited as our authoritative source to legitimize many irrational attitudes, feelings or behaviours. The disturbing reality is the frequency with which the Bible is quoted "out of context"; and the selectivity used in choosing those words or passages ONLY which tend to give credence or support to the human penchant of disparaging and denigrating others. Sadly too, certain Churches have often told its followers WHAT to think – using the Bible as a sourcebook – and not HOW to think critically in order to more sensitively confront the many moral decisions that will have to be made in one's lifetime. Is the Bible truth? If it is, there are as many versions of truth as there are people who read it – not to mention that English versions use language which is sometimes in disagreement or contradiction (King James Version, The Revised Standard Version, The New English Bible and The New International Version). Imagine an original statement, made about 2,000 years ago, passed on from person to person or manuscript to manuscript, originally in Hebrew and later in Greek, and subjected to INTERPRETATION and TRANSLATION. At camp, groups often sit in a circle and play "rumour mill" where one person initiates a statement and whispers it to the next person who, in turn, whispers it to the next person and so on, until the last person repeats his or her version of the original statement; everyone laughs uproaringly when the initiator then states the original passage. This exercise is used as an important psycho-linguistic tool in helping kids understand human weaknesses and limitations in comprehending, interpreting and professing truth AS WE PERCEIVE IT. While Christians and Jews believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, God's followers still must be required to think and use their own minds, consciences and wills. It is very often less secure to do so, but what an exciting and liberating experience in human responsibility!

There is a trendy temptation today, perhaps due to a lack in education and moral reasoning, to attribute an infallibility to a particular mystic, leader, sage or guru. Many of these "leaders" preach absolute certainty on matters of truth (eg. some television evangelists, Falwell's Moral Majority, fundamentalist Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, etc.) and require – no, demand, – that their followers obey their word absolutely, often by instilling fear, anxiety and guilt. Their insidious notion of truth or certainty leaves no room for faith; it demands, often through coercion, a total and blind acceptance and obedience. The use of fear to motivate people is no surprise, for it lies at the root of much human misery; fear is the underlying cause of war, fear is causing an escalation of nuclear arms, fear of the unknown keeps us from accepting those who are different. As the Bible aptly says, fear "has torment"; interestingly, one of Jesus' most characteristic sayings is "fear not" and many times he grieved, asking "How is it that ye have no faith?" Jesus taught people not ONLY to worship Him but to follow God's will, to share in and help actualize the Kingdom of God on earth. Unfortunately, many Churches find it easier to argue over Jesus' doctrines or divinity rather than do what He clearly said we must: love one another and establish justice among all the inhabitants of the earth. Jesus' parable of judgement (Matt. 25) includes nothing about a person's religious belief, sexual orientation or political ideology as criteria for God's acceptance or rejection on the last day. The question is: have you done God's will by not closing your hand, even to the unlovable? "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21)

CONSIDER:

■ In Iran, Khomeini's men (mullahs) have executed approximately 30,000 dissidents who refuse to conform to their beliefs; people who "refuse to interpret the Koran in the fashion approved by the mullahs." (TIME, March, 1984)

■ In South Africa, where there are more orthodox believers in the dominant Protestant Church than in most countries of comparable size, people "who attend prayer and Bible meetings and take the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant word of God, the worst forms of racism and injustice reign supreme, fully supported by selected biblical texts." (Tom Harpur)

■ In Ireland, sectarian violence and hatred have not only pitted Catholics against Protestants for years but have instilled emotional instability, hatred and aggression as a fact of life for children growing up. The reconciliations that have occurred are too few and the message of good will is poorly communicated.

■ In the United States, the "battle for racial integration and equality found its bitterest opposition in the 'born-again' Christians of the so-called Bible Belt." (Tom Harpur)

■ The Middle East has seen Christians in conflict with Muslims, Muslim factions warring against each other, Palestinians and Jews against each other, and on and on.

■ In Canada and the U.S., certain religions and sects refuse medical intervention and blood transfusions because of their interpretation of certain passages in the Bible; worse, however, is the imposition of this will on children who are too young to make informed, rational decisions – especially with respect to life and death!

■ In India, violence between Sikhs and Hindus continues to escalate predicated on religious factionalization, politics and territory; unfortunately, these homeland battles often occur on North American turf.

How can the camping community help address the deep spiritual needs in every individual? As church attendance continues to decline (Gallup Poll in 1978 cited Catholic church attendance at 74% – today this figure stands at 52% and is dropping) Professor Bibby of the University of Lethbridge says that "Canada can no longer be considered a Christian country in any meaningful way, since only about 40% claim any active Christian commitment – and a good portion of these are highly non-traditional in their beliefs." If our leaders cannot communicate faith to the young, the numbers of those who share faith will continue to decline. Camps can help through awakening in every child a keen sense of critical thinking – an ability to question logically and develop higher moral reasoning skills. In a language that is comprehensible, relevant to the twentieth century and stimulating, chapel talks and bible studies should help elevate a child's understanding of our complex world – not simply instilling fears which legitimize OUR belief system! Children need to know that the measure of a spiritual or religious person lies in WHAT A PERSON DOES, not in how a person preaches. The hallmark of a spiritual person is one who treats others – whoever they may be and whatever colour, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation – with the respect and dignity every human being deserves. The parable of the Good Samaritan was very upsetting in Jesus' time because people hated Samaritans and were taught to "have no dealings" (John 4:9) with them. The term had always had a strange and ironic resonance because of its inherent contradiction; "good Samaritan" is like the repulsive term "holy war". Jesus defined goodness by the measurement of peoples' deeds – not their words, so the parable of the priest and Levite who kept their robes clean and their images respectable by walking on the far side of the road to avoid the man who had fallen among thieves is important in that the man was helped by the lowly Samaritan. Too many people in the Christian community are more concerned with respectable appearances than acting with compassion, charity and responsibility. The Bible, as a historical test, is – in and of itself – neither good nor bad. The Bible (or Koran, Gita, Tao, Hibraic Holy Books etc.) is a vehicle which, if used inappropriately can actually justify hate, war, homophobia, rape, incest, and child abuse. The Bible however, can be used to promote rational, critical thinking in children's minds to facilitate more responsible and compassionate growth to adulthood; the many stories, miracles and parables CAN and often DO promote moral learning, moral reasoning and higher moral thinking. Many people have selectively quoted and interpreted 2,000 year-old biblical passages to justify their discomfort with homosexuality; the irony is that many of these same people eat shellfish, wear red, eat pork, apply lipstick and refuse to cover their heads in Church. You see, it all depends on how the Bible is used. One way of helping children learn kindness is by doing kind deeds. Help children learn understanding by doing something for others; don't instill fear and create anxiety and guilt by arbitrarily reciting only selected passages. The Bible CAN be used to help fill a spiritual void, a meaninglessness in life, if only, as leaders, we apply the central themes to our camp programmes and measure worth and charity by our behaviour. Condemnation of others is too common, too easily justified and, unfortunately, is a boomerang. "At whatever point you judge the other, you are condeming yourself" (Rom. 2:1). Of course, loving acceptance is a boomerang also; whatever we do to our neighbour, for good or evil, we do to ourselves. Jesus feels the human pain of those whose needs we have rejected, people who have been put down: "I tell you this: anything you did not do for one of these, however humble, you did not do for me." (Matt. 25:45). Measure a person by actions, not words; the measure of worth is in how a person lives not in what a person says or how a person preaches. To this end, the Bible can be a resource which promotes love, faith and understanding and can alleviate human suffering and misery; our energy, through camp programming and spirituality should reflect these ideals and values.

EDITORIAL
C'est écrit dans la Bible!

Etre chrétien, c'est quoi? Que signifie être religieux? Que veulent dire charitable ou spirituel? Où se trouve la vérité?

Il est commun de nos jours de s'abriter derrière le paravent de la religion ou de la chrétienté pour justifier un acte hostile, peu charitable ou inhumain. La Bible, cette source de vérité absolue, sert à légitimer une attitude, un sentiment ou une conduite peu conformes à la raison. Ce qui inquiète, c'est la fréquence avec laquelle on cite la Bible "sans raison" pour se disculper et le soin avec lequel on choisit les seuls mots ou passages qui ajoutent foi à nos motifs de toujours dénigrer les autres. Il est triste de constater que certaines religions dictent à leurs fidèles QUOI penser en leur servant les écrits de la Bible au lieu de leur apprendre COMMENT, appliquer les vrais principes moraux dans les multiples expériences qui jalonnent leur vie. La Bible dit-elle vrai? Si c'est le cas, on y trouve autant de versions de la vérité que de gens qui la lisent. Vous rendez-vous compte? Des choses dites il y a 2 000 ans, répétées d'un à l'autre, d'un manuscrit à un autre, à l'origine en hébreu, pui en grec, soumis parfois aux fantaisies des traducteurs? Pour nous distraire au camp, nous formons un cercle et chuchotons une phrase à l'oreille du voisin et lui faisons faire le tour. Le dernier dit tout haut de qu'il a entendu puis le premier révèle ce qu'était la phrase au début. C'est l'hilarité totale. Cet exercice sert d'outil psycho-linguistique important pour apprendre aux enfants les limites de l'ouïe et celles de la compréhension et de l'interprétation de la vérité telle que nous la percevons. Si les juifs et les chrétiens veulent croire que la Bible est la Parole de Dieu, ils doivent faire appel à leur logique, à leur conscience et à leur volonté dans leur interprétation de celle-ci. On se sent trop souvent un insécure à agir ainsi mais quelle expérience enrichissante éprouve tout être responsable à le faire, quelle libération!

On tente aujourd'hui d'attribuer à un mystique, à un leader, à un sage ou à un gourou un caractère infaillible. C'est peut-être par manque de raisonnement ou par manque de connaissances des principes moraux. Nombre de ces "leaders" disent prêcher la vérité absolue, notamment certains évangelistes à la télé, les musulmans orthodoxes, les témoins de Jéhovah, les mormons et Rév. Sun Myung Moon. Ces illuminés exigent que leurs disciples obéissent leur volonté, souvent en insufflant la crainte, l'anxiété ou la culpabilité.

Cette notion fallacieuse de la vérité laisse peu de place à la foi; elle exige, souvent par force, d'obéir et d'accepter les yeux fermés. La crainte a toujours donné des ailes aux talons! Elle est à l'origine de plusieurs misères de l'homme. Elle est la cause sous-jacente des guerres, elle sert à la prolifération des armes nucléaires, elle est l'ennemi de l'inconnu et nous empêche d'accepter ceux qui sont différents. Selon la Bible la peur engendre les tourments. Fait assez curieux, c'est que Jésus a souvent dit: "Ne crains pas". Que de fois Jésus a demandé, chagriné: "Comment se fait-il que vous n'avez pas la foi"? Jésus nous a non seulement enseigné à l'adorer mais aussi à faire le volonté de Dieu, à partager avec les autres et à l'aider à bâtir son Royaume sur terre. Malheureusement, de nombreuses Eglises trouvent plus facile de prouver la vraie doctrine de Jésus ou sa divinité plutôt que de faire ce qu'il nous a demandé explicitement : "Aimez-vous les uns les autres et faites régner la justice sur terre". La prabole sur le Jugement dernier (Matt. 25) ne prend nullement pour critère les croyances religieuses, les préférences sexuelles ou les idéologiques politiques. La question est la suivante : Avez-vous fait la volonté de Dieu en tendant les bras, même aux indésirables? "Seigneur! Seigneur! n'entreront pas tous dans le Royaume des cieux, mais celui-là seul qui fait la volonté de mon Père qui est dans les cieux". (Matt. 7:21).

Voyons ces faits :

■ En Iran, les disciples de Khomeni, les mollahs, ont tué environ 30 000 dissidents parce qu'ils refusaient de se conformer à leurs croyances. Les victimes refusaient d'interpréter le Koran à leur manière! (Time, mars 1984).

■ En Afrique du Sud, où l'Eglise protestante réunit le plus grand nombre de fidèles par rapport aux pays de même importance, sévit les pires problèmes raciaux et tous ces croyants qui vont aux prières et assistent aux lectures bibliques, sont ceux-là mêmes qui encouragent le racisme et font régner l'injustice en s'appuyant sur des textes bibliques (Tom Harpur).

■ En Irlande, catholiques et protestants se déchirent mutuellement à cause de leurs divisions sectaires. Leur fanatisme fait naître l'instabilité émotive et éguise l'appétit de la haine et de la violence chez les jeunes qui ne voient dans se dérèglement qu'une simple facette de la vie. Les raccommodements ont été trop rares jusqu'ici, le vrai message de Dieu trop peu véhiculé. (Tom Harpur).

■ Aux Etats-Unis, la lutte pour l'intégration raciale et l'égalité des droits trouve ses pires oppresseurs chez les partisans du "renouvellement de la Foi chrétienne." (Tom Harpur).

■ Le Moyen-Orient a été témoin de querelles intestines entre chrétiens et musulmans, entre sectes musulmanes, entre juifs et Palestiniens etc.

■ Au Canada et aux Etats-Unis, certaines religions défendent les interventions chirurgicales et les transfusions de sang en prenant à l'appui certains passages de la Bible. Le pire, c'est que ces gens imposent leur volonté à des enfants trop jeunes encore pour décider en tout logique et conscience sur des questions de vie et de mort.

■ En Inde, la violence continue de croître entre factions religieuses, politiques et territoriales chez les Sikhs et les Indous. Malheureusement on lave souvent son linge sale en territoire nord-américain.

Comment les responsables des camps peuvent-ils s'occuper du besoin spirituel de chacun? En 1978 un sondage Gallop réévélait que 74% des catholiques pratiquaient. Aujourd'hui, ce pourcentage n'est que de 52% et les églises continuent à se vider. Selon le professeur Bibby de l'université de Lethbridge, le Canada n'est plus un bastillon de la Foi chrétienne dans son sens significatif, puisqu'environ seulement 40% de la population appartient à l'une des nombreuses confessions chrétiennes et une bonne partie de celle-ci adopte des croyances qui s'éloignent sensiblement des conceptions traditionnelles.

Si nos leaders ne peuvent répandre la foi chez les jeunes, le nombre de ceux qui la possèdent va continuer de baisser. Nous pouvons intervenir en développant chez l'enfant l'esprit d'analyse, l'aptitude à raisonner et à questionner intelligemment. Présentés dans un langage simple, vivant, et bien de notre siècle, la cathéchèse et les textes bibliques devraient aider l'enfant à mieux comprendre la complexité de notre monde et dissiper les craintes sur lesquelles se fondent souvent nos croyances. Les enfants ont besoin de savoir que la spiritualité et la dévotion se mesurent au geste que pose tout être humain, non à ses sermons. Le respect des autres, sans égards à la race, à la couleur, à l'ethnie ou à la préférence sexuelle, est l'étendard de la spiritualité. La parabole du bon Samaritain choquait au temps de Jésus car les gens détestaient les Samaritains. "Les Juifs en effet, n'ont pas de relations avec les Samaritains" (Jean 4:9). Le terme a une raisonnance ironique à cause de la contradiction qu'il renferme. Le "bon Samaritain." C'est tout comme la "Guerre sainte." Jésus mesurait la bonté des gens à leurs actes, non pas à leurs paroles. Aussi, la parabole du prêtre et du lévite a-t-elle son importance. En effet, ceux-ci ont marché à l'intérieur de la route pour garder leur robe et leur honorabilité sans tâche au lieu de prêter secours au pauvre homme qui se faisait faire les poches. C'est l'humble Samaritain qui l'a aidé.

Que de chrétiens attachent trop d'importance à ce que sont apparences respectables et oublient de faire acte de miséricorde. La Bible, en tant que texte historique, n'est ni bonne ni mauvaise. Or, la Bible, le Koran, le Gita, le Tao etc, véhiculent des idées qui, mal interprétées, peuvent actuellement favoriser la haine, la guerre, le viol, l'inceste et l'abus des enfants. La Bible peut cependant servir à développer l'esprit d'analyse chez les enfants et en faire des adultes meilleurs et plus responsables. Les nombreuses histoires, les miracles et les paraboles peuvent en fait enseigner comment penser correctement et développer une conscience morale.

Plusieurs ont soigneusement cité et interprété des passages de la Bible, vieux de 2 000 ans, pour justifier leurs malaises vis-à-vis des homosexuels. Chose curieuse, ces mêmes gens mangent du porc ou des coquillages, portent du rouge et refusent de se couvrir la tête à l'église. Vous voyez? Tout dépend de notre interprétation de la Bible.

Enseignez aux enfants la gentillesse en posant des gestes gentils. Apprenez-leur à faire quelque chose pour les autres. N'insufflez ni crainte ni anxiété ni culpabilité en citant quelques passages arbitraires. La Bible peut servir à combler un vide dans l'âme, à redonner un sens à la vie, seulement si nous pouvons en tant que leaders, mettre en pratique les principaux thèmes de nos programmes et en joignant l'acte à la parole. Il est trop courant de nos jours de condamner les autres ou de se trouver des raisons de le faire. C'est un véritable boomerang. "O homme qui que tu sois, toi qui juge, tu est inexcusable, tu te condamne toi-même". (Rom 2:1) Bien entendu, aimer est aussi un boomerang. Ce que nous faisons à notre prochain, c'est à nous que nous le faisons. Jésus ressent les souffrances de ceux que nous rejetons; de ceux que nous rabaissons. "Je vous le dit en vérité, toutes les fois que vous n'avez pas fait ces choses à l'un de ces plus petits, c'est à moi que vous les avez faites" (Matt. 25:45). Jugez les autres par leurs actes; non par leurs paroles. La valeur d'une personne réside dans ce qu'elle fait, non dans ce qu'elle dit ou ce qu'elle prêche. A cette fin, la Bible peut servir de véhicule à l'amour, à la foi, à l'entendement et elle peut soulager les misaires et les souffrances humaines au lieu d'en être souvent la cause!

CAMPING ADVISOR

Over the course of two summers working as a camp counsellor, I have found that I sleep much more soundly at camp compared to the city. Some friends of mine have experienced the same thing; is there a known reason for this?

S.B., Halifax, Nova Scotia

There are probably several reasons for this phenomenon; current theory relating to our body's bio-rhythms holds that it may well be a "negative ion effect". Negative ions are freely abundant in our natural environment: beside lakes, on campsites and especially near waterfalls. Our natural bio-rhythms seem to ebb and flow best within negative ion environments; cities with concrete, steel and flourescent lights abounding have an abundance of positive ions. Some experts say this accounts for our disrupted sleep patterns in the city and our "sound" sleeps at camp. Many people in the city actually purchase negative ionizers for precisely sleep reasons.

Secondly, we expend tremendous physical energy at camp – much more so than in the city. It's quite obvious and natural, then, that our bodies NEED more recuperation time at camp and therefore, because we are tired from so much activity, we sleep easier and more soundly at camp.

Thirdly, when we alter our diet and our regular routine we necessarily alter our biological functions which include sleep. Diet has been shown to have a profound effect on sleep patterns.

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What is the most watched spectator sport in North America?

J.B., Edmonton, Alberta

Baseball! The 37th annual attendance figures have just become available and baseball has surpassed horse-racing as the number 1 spectator sport in North America; horse-racing has been first in annual attendance of major events for the last 31 years! In 1983, baseball attracted over 78 million spectators compared with 75 million for horse-racing. What about hockey, you ask? Hockey was at the very bottom with only 20 million fans in 1983 – even greyhound racing was more popular!

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In discussing rainy-day programming with camp staff, we wondered: can one catch a cold from the rain?

A.V., Harrow, Ontario

There's actually a medical institute in Great Britain solely examining and attempting to isolate causal factors of the "common cold". Their answer: no, one cannot catch a cold from being wet! They have actually had experimental subjects walk at length, without clothes, in the rain with no effects at all associated with colds. Actually, we've heard that some camps practice this same procedure!

At a recent conference, you stated that Dr. William Masters said that "homosexuality is a natural expression". How can it be natural when it seems obvious that males and females "fit" together with procreation as our motive and the result of the male-female union?

M.L. Willowdale, Ontario

In the first place, many homosexuals can and often DO exercise their procreative feelings and conceive (female) or impregnate (male); furthermore, many heterosexuals either choose not to procreate or cannot bear offspring and this fact shouldn't undermine their sexuality, sexual orientation or sense of maleness and femaleness. People shouldn't be made to feel guilty over choosing NOT to have children; very few professionals in medicine, psychology or psychiatry would call procreation an "instinct". (as a matter of fact, scientific studies show that "mothering" is not even an instinct but "parenting" is, meaning that males and females can learn to elicit responses we generally associate with "mothering"). Also, given the fact that many people say that "procreative sex is natural", why is it that 99.9% of sexual activity in North America is RECREATIVE, not PROCREATIVE? As leaders, we have to speak more openly on responsibility and contraception, hoping that people will enjoy their sexual expressions without the added burden of V.D. or unwanted pregnancy; in 1982 in Toronto, there were 8,033 live births ... and 8,166 abortions! Somehow we're not doing our job as leaders and educators in preaching the ethics of respect and responsibility!

With respect to what is natural, I would say that what is natural is what feels "right and comfortable" for you at any given time – provided it is predicated on honesty and consent and does not violate the criminal code. You see, to a gay person, same-sex attraction is both normal AND natural; to a heterosexual, for example, such an attraction is foreign and therefore "unnatural". A gay person would see our opposite-sex attractions as different, foreign and therefore "unnatural" to him or her. I guess we're fortunate to be in the majority and enjoy and take for granted the media representation – television, books, movies, magazines, romance stories, socialization – which concentrates and focuses on heterosexual relationships with all the inherent joys and hardships. There's nothing really wrong with that except that we tend to oppress and put down those whose attractions are different from ours and this is unfortunate, disrespectful and unacceptable! The same was true, years ago, of society never portraying black-white relationships in any meaningful way; the situation is rapidly changing but there certainly is still a need for more genuine representation; we must learn to keep in mind that "different" does not mean "wrong" or "bad"; it simply means "not the same".

Years ago, people believed in a philosophy called the Doctrine of Signatures (some actually still do) which dictated that "shape determines function". As silly as it may sound, people believed that cauliflower was good for the brain because it resembled a brain; we obviously know a great deal more today! And people likewise believed that because a penis and vagina "fit", it is therefore a "natural function". If, for argument's sake, it was suggested that the shape of a penis also fits in a hand, or a jar, or a mouth ... at what point does "natural" become "unnatural"? This was the essence of Dr. William Master's thesis; it's important to remember that what is natural is what is natural FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL, providing no one is being hurt, the law is not violated and the behaviour is consensual!

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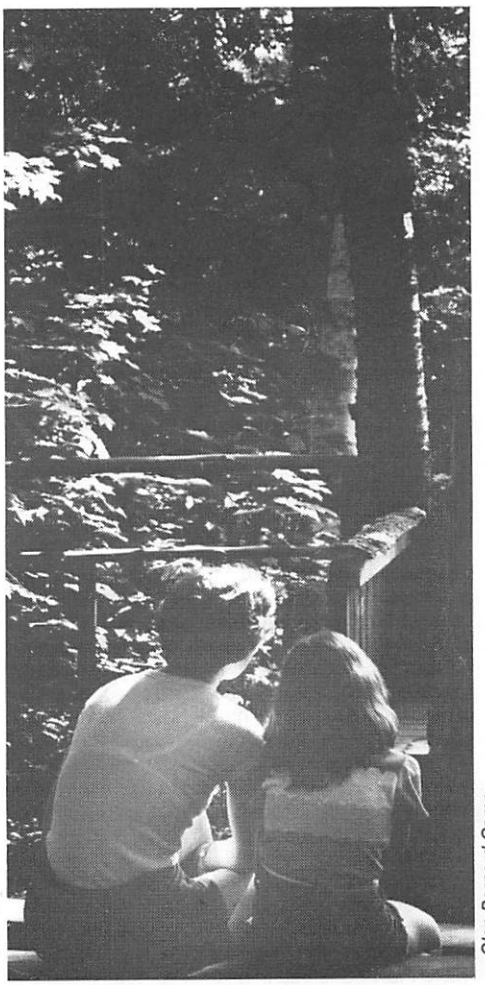
Thank you for your letters. We regret that we cannot answer each one personally; however, we will endeavour to publish the most interesting and provocative ones. Address all letters to: The Camping Advisor, c/o The Editor, Canadian Camping, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1.



Glen Bernard Camp

The Report to the 30th General Council on Human Sexuality

Summarized by James Taylor

In August, the 30th General Council of The United Church of Canada will receive a report on human sexuality. While the report itself will not be distributed before formally presented to the General Council for consideration, this unofficial summary has been prepared for members of the United Church so that they may be informed about the Report.

It needs to be understood that this report is part of a continuing discussion. It is not a final statement, nor a retouching of previous documents. It is a new document seeking to assist church members in the continual struggle to discover what it means to be a follower of Christ in today's world – a world in which sexuality pervades all aspects of life, while understanding of sexual roles and responsibilities keeps changing.

An Overview of the Report

In essence, three themes run through the report:

1. Sexual drives and feelings affect everyone. They are not an optional extra which can be arbitrarily separated from Christian life.
2. It is what we do about those drives and feelings that matters. There is a recurring emphasis on the need to make responsible decisions.
3. The model for those decisions comes from Christian faith – based on scriptural understanding and our relationship with God.

Those themes are explored in five chapters. To facilitate study and discussion, each chapter works with four elements:

- ☐ as objective as possible a description of the present situation;
- ☐ a selection of real-life stories illustrating the dilemmas;
- ☐ an exploration of insights from relevant scripture passages;
- ☐ affirmations, offered as general guidelines or markers for behaviour.

The summaries that follow cover only some of these elements in each chapter.

Sexuality and Selfhood

This chapter defines why the United Church should be studying sexuality at all.

Sexuality pervades everything in present life. Like the colour of one's eyes, it is an integral part of being human. We cannot choose whether or not to have sexual feelings – the choice is what we will do with the feelings we have.

Yet attitudes towards sexuality vary widely. How we think and talk about maleness or femaleness affects our behaviour and relationships, and the kind of persons and society we become.

Similarly, ways of expressing sexuality vary. The traditional expression has been in marriage. However, sexuality within marriage is not available to all. Some choose not to be married; some have marriages end in divorce or death; everyone is single for part of life, at least in the adolescent years. What happens to sexuality in those situations?

Biblically, sexuality can be seen as a gift from God.

But the Bible also recognizes that sexuality can be a dilemma, a gift contaminated by sin. Yet though no one is immune to its potentially destructive forces, God's grace can transform the dilemma into a promise, a relationship which reflects the convenant relationship we have with God.

Marriage

Within the church today, two attitudes toward marriage seem to predominate. On the one hand, faced by increasing statistics of marriage breakdown and divorce, some people call for firm directions. Others suffering in oppressive marriages, hurt by divorce or the death of a spouse, or who can no longer accept traditional roles, call for more compassion, understanding and flexibility.

In that setting, the church can make an important contribution, in a renewed understanding of the meaning of Covenant.

That concept of Covenant is founded on our relationship with God. It involves the total person; it is not always voluntarily chosen; it demands unconditional faithfulness; it is dependable. We can never fully earn nor deserve the relationship; in return, it must never become self-serving, but must turn us outwards to others.

While there can be many kinds of relationships between persons, in marriage these aspects of the closeness of a Covenant relationship with God are worked out in daily life.

Intimacy

Perhaps of all the chapters, this one is most likely to be misunderstood. For intimacy here does not mean sexual intercourse. Rather, intimacy is the sense of closeness that one can have with another person. Like sexuality, it is a universal desire. Unfortunately, also like sexuality, it may be abused or distorted.

Intimacy is more than sex or marriage, though intimacy may be a goal of both of those. The birth of a child, the death of a loved one, can also be incredibly intimate moments when barriers come down between people. Similarly, there is intimacy in counselling and in friendship.

Surprisingly, to some, the Bible encourages intimacy. God is revealed as one who is determined to have an intimate relationship with a chosen people. Jesus with his disciples, Mary with God, David and Johnathan, Ruth and Naomi – all offer models of intimacy for Christians.

The search for intimacy, therefore, is also a spiritual journey. It is dangerous, because it holds a potential for being hurt and for hurting others, and perhaps for needing to change. In it is also the potential for increasing maturity.

The chapter suggests that the Christian Church has not dealt well with intimacy. Fearing the dangers, it has largely ignored the values that can accompany intimacy. For example, the last General Council, in 1982, expressed concern about "situations of emotional intimacy leading to potential genital expression." Taken literally, that would exclude the natural and growing intimacy that should develop during courting before marriage.

How should the church respond to a single adult's need for that sense of intimacy which is the opposite of alienation? How should an adolescent struggling towards self-identity learn about intimacy? What about a 50 year old who loses the intimacy of 25 years of happy marriage when a spouse dies? In none of these instances does intimacy necessarily mean sexual intercourse. Yet these very real needs have often been overlooked.

Sexism

If sexuality can be positive and creative, sexism is the other side of the coin. This chapter describes sexism as a destructive force in which the ideals of a Covenant relationship are distorted into inequality and exploitation.

The chapter stresses particularly ways in which sexism becomes so integrated into social structures that it often goes unnoticed as it undermines people's behaviour.

As with other matters related to sexuality, sexism results in varied reactions within the church.

Some are apathetic. They don't understand why others are upset, nor do they see what it has to do with them.

Some are anxious. They recognize that something is happening, and they fear that changes are coming which will affect them.

Some are antagonistic. They see the kinds of changes that are being demanded. Consciously or unconsciously, they also see these changes as a threat to their present power, influence, or position. They resist.

Some are active. Having seen sexism as a subtle and insidious force affecting all of their lives, over which they have no control, a force which contributes to pornography, prostitution, rape, wife battering, sex in advertising, and media exploitation of women, they devote their energies to denouncing and combatting sexism.

While the church has, in recent years, become more aware of sexist attitudes, it is not free of them. From the congregational level to the national offices, women continue to be underrepresented in decision-making roles.

Sexual Orientation

Because of the traditional disapproval towards homosexuality, few heterosexual people even realize that they may know homosexual men and women personally.

Camp Mini-Yo-We

The reaction to homosexuality, as to sexism, is often fear and anger. Christians may charitably avoid expelling homosexual persons from their congregations, but they continue to treat them as persons needing either repentence or cure.

Homosexual persons resent accusations of promiscuity and child molesting, pointing out that these offences are far more often committed by heterosexuals.

This chapter neither censures nor promotes homosexuality. It calls for more open discussion, more study of the origins and nature of homosexuality, and particularly more study of the Scriptures together, with the aims of increasing mutual understanding, and dispelling some fears. It sees the result of such study not as a *loosening* of sexual standards, but as a *deepening*.

An appendix examines those scripture passages commonly identified with homosexuality. The chapter itself deliberately chooses for study a passage from Acts 10 that does not deal with homosexuality as such, but rather as a means of discerning basic principles about the ways in which the church has learned to deal with persons excluded from Christian fellowship.

Affirmations Recommended

In approving the Report for presentation to General Council, the Division of Mission in Canada endorsed a series of affirmations as the basis for "general guidelines for use in the United Church of Canada."

These included, on "Sexuality and Selfhood":

- that "sexuality is a gift from God ... a primary way of relating to ourselves and to one another ... the way that God has chosen to continue the human race."
- that "the giving and receiving of affection ... is a basic human need."
- that "even in the midst of ambiguity, we are called upon to make responsible decisions."

On "Marriage":

- that in marriage, "Christians make a covenant with one another and with God" and that "in Christian marriage a man and woman give themselves to each other in the full intention of a lifelong commitment."
- that "sexual intercourse in marriage is intended to be ... exclusive."
- but also that "there are many couples in committed relationships other than marriage to whom the church is called to minister in love."

On "Intimacy":

- that "all people experience a hunger for intimacy" and that "it is in our experience of the intimate God that we find the grace and possibility of intimacy with one another."
- in intimate relationships, "the importance ... of respecting the integrity of others, of setting limits on our actions."
- that singleness and/or celibacy may be "a state in which people may find intimacy and fulfilment."

On "Sexism":

- that "the intention of God for all persons is full equality in both our personal and social lives."
- that "God calls us as a church to eliminate all forms of sexism ... in the life and worship of the congregations, presbyteries, conferences and national structures of The United Church of Canada."
- that the "structuring of society can be redeemed and eventually transformed through the grace of God and the struggles of those willing to face ... sexism."

On "Sexual Orientation":

- that "all believers in Christ are accepted as full members of the Christian church regardless of their sexual orientation."
- that the church is "called to initiate and encourage communication and discussion with homosexual believers about sexuality in order that fellowship may be increased and misunderstanding, fears and hostilities lessened."

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LE COMITE DES CAMPS D'EXPRESSION FRANCAISE

par: Colette Pouliot-Marier, Présidente du comité

Le 22 avril dernier, je faisais part à la présidente de l'Association, Mme Jocelyn Palm, que j'acceptais de succéder à Mlle Pauline Rondeau, directrice du Camp Claret, au poste de présidente du comité des camps d'expression française.

Qu'il me soit permis de rappeler que ce comité qui a été mis sur pied à l'automne 1974 a pour but d'assurer une présence active des camps francophones et de faire entendre le point de vue des camps de langue française au sein de l'Association.

Certes, depuis les dix dernières années des efforts ont été accomplis afin de répondre aux besoins des camps français et aussi pour rejoindre les membres francophones. Parmi les actions mises de l'avant, rappelons, entre autres, le congrès du printemps 1976 qui a réuni des directeurs de camps de vacances et personnes intéressées au phénomène des camps, venus de toutes les provinces, autour du thème de "L'activité pédagogique du camp de vacances". De cette rencontre bien des membres ont maintenu des contacts avec des personnes dont ils avaient fait la connaissance lors de cette grande réunion des camps francophones du Canada.

A la veille de l'année internationale de la jeunesse, le comité des camps d'expression français est encore un moyen mis à la disposition des membres pour assurer 1) la communication entre les camps le langue française au Canada, et 2) la présence des camps d'expression française à côté de ceux d'expression anglaise au niveau national. C'est dans cette perspective que j'ai accepté de présider ce comité. De fait, c'est dans le respect des traditions et aspirations des deux communautés linguistiques du Canada. A l'instar des personnes qui ont oeuvré à l'implantation de ce comité et de celles qui ont contribué à son maintien, je tenterai de poursuivre le travail qu'ils ont amorcé.

Par ailleurs, le comité qui demeure le lien entre les camps d'expression française et le conseil d'administration souhaite recevoir les suggestions des membres francophones, tant du Québec que des autres provinces. Je dirais même que c'est nécessaire. Identifier les besoins actuels des camps de langue française exige la collaboration de tous les intéressés.

Focus on Pre-Camp: The Camper!

by: Catherine Ross, Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da

Pre-Camp '83 was progressing much the same as any other pre-camp week. The entire staff was busily occupied making the most of the few days before the campers' arrival. Linda, the programme director, was finalizing lists, menus and destinations for the staff overnight excursion to review their canoeing and camping skills. The nurse was compiling her list of campers currently on medication. In the kitchen, 'Cookie' was checking deliveries and experimenting with new recipes. The tripper was selecting his tripping canoes and checking his equipment. Former staff were careful to include new counsellors in their conversations while the new counsellors were seeking answers to the dozens of questions about traditions and procedures. Each evening the section heads met briefly to review the day's progress and plan the next day's programme. Nothing must be overlooked. We must find time for the waterfront search pattern, a fire drill, an evening programme planning session, writing up progress books, familiarizing counsellors with their new campers and preparing welcome signs to greet each tent group.

A Letter for Pause and Reflection

Amidst this hive of activity a letter arrived. Hurrying to the dining room in response to the five minute warning bell, I tore it open and glanced at the contents. The words brought me to a halt on the path and I began to reread it more carefully. The letter was from a lifetime friend, Linda, whose eight year old daughter was due to arrive at our front dock in a few days for her first residential camping experience. I had watched Jennifer, the youngest of three and only daughter, grow from infancy to girlhood – her parents' pride and joy. Linda had decided to share with me her thoughts and concerns as she prepared to send Jennifer to camp and away from the security and protection of their loving home for the very first time.

On reading the letter, my first reaction was one of humility and apprehension. 'How dare I presume to accept such an awesome responsibility?' But I quickly remembered that I was not carrying this burden alone. It is one that I share with a caring and competent staff. As my confidence and ego resurfaced I thought – we are accepting a grave responsibility presuming to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of each camper, but what a privilege to influence and shape the lives of these eager young people. In a final effort on the last night of pre-camp to put all our preparations into perspective, I shared Linda's letter with my staff. Let me share the letter with you.

'You and I go back a lot of years. We have been campers and counsellors together and shared the burden on a portage. I feel now I can share some of my 'first year mother' anxieties with you. I know it will be helpful for me if you know them, and perhaps might be helpful for you in anticipating and understanding some of the thoughts that I'm sure are not unique only to this mother.

There is still time to prepare Jennifer well physically. Her clothes will be plentiful, clean and well labelled. Her flashlight will have new batteries – the best, so as not to burn out.Her notepaper will include stamped, addressed envelopes home! Knowing I have time to do this with her before she leaves pleases me and makes me feel useful.

There is not enough time left for me to prepare her well emotionally. Then again – maybe she is – maybe I'm not! I wonder about such motherly things as: who will understand when she has trouble sleeping at night that an extra hug and kiss will soon bring pleasant dreams? Who will understand how to deal with her shattered world if she receives a rebuff from her peers or idolized counsellor? Who will give her the much needed and cherished praise for a job well done or new challenge met? Who will be able to determine if a hurt is really physical or a cry for emotional uplifting? For the next two weeks, who will nourish and mother her if I am not there? These next two weeks will change and mould her as no other two weeks in her life! I truly believe the who will be you and your hand-picked staff.

Her brothers keep telling me Jennifer is lucky to be going to camp. We think of you and wish you well each summer – that goes double this year!

P.S. Jennifer's never written a letter. Please help!

Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da

Each camper is a special person to his parents and family. In his time at camp it is our responsibility to continue the nurturing and development of these beloved children. We can do this by attending to each child individually, listening to him and sharing with him at some point ineach day, whether he demands it or not, some of our time. By doing so we show him that we care and we reinforce his positive self image. Let us commit ourselves to do our very best for all the Jennifers and Johnnys now packing their suitcases, excited and a little apprehensive, as they dream of their first holiday at camp.

OPERATION RALEIGH CANADA

For young men and women across Canada, between the ages of 17 and 23, there is an exciting venture taking place throughout the next four years, involving adventure, travel and an opportunity to do something for others!

Operation Raleigh is a 15-phase operation (three to four months each), spanning a total period of four years, and made possible through the co-operation of more than 30 countries. In all, over 4,500 young people will take part, and of this number 100 will be chosen from Canada.

The program which involves exciting scientific, conservation and community programs on land and sea, will provide many opportunities for the young to overcome problems, seek new challenges, and develop their talents. In short, they will be encouraged to discover leadership.

Each phase of the trip will include 200 venturers representing participants from all of the countries involved. It begins in November 1984, when the specially equipped Flagship sets sail from Merseyside, bound for North Carolina. Upon arrival in the United States, Operation Raleigh will take part in the celebrations of the founding of English speaking America 400 years ago. Accompanied by vessels and sailing ships from participating nations, the flagship will then sail to the Caribbean, Central and South America, Antarctica, Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, Asia and Africa on its voyage of scientific discovery and human achievement.

The majority of all expenses for Canadian participants will be funded directly by the Operation Raleigh Foundation, but each participant will be asked to raise through local sponsors, and supporters, 1/3 of the cost which amounts to about $2,000.00. (Total cost $6,000.00)

Under the patronage, and very keen interest of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales (Prince Charles), Operation Raleigh is seeking young people who have determination, energy, common sense, adaptibility, maturity and physical endurance. The selection procedures culminate in an evaluation weekend at one of three locations in Canada. These will be held each year to select, and prepare the participants for one of the 15 phases over the next four years.

John Latimer of CCA has been invited to become a member of the Board of Directors of Operation Raleigh Canada, and is therefore anxious to inform readers of CANADIAN CAMPING of this exciting venture. If more information is desired, as well as applications, write: Operation Raleigh Canada, The Weston Centre, 22 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto M4T 2S3.

Nicholas Joseph

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE CERTIFICATION

by: Kelly Lendsay, NLS Chairman

NLS is the lifeguard training course of the Royal Life Saving Society Canada. Other awards of the Society, such as the Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross, are designed to educate in life saving. The distinction between life saving and lifeguarding is important.

The aim of the Royal Life is to make "Every Swimmer a Life Saver". With water rescue and resuscitation skills, life savers can provide immediate assistance to someone in trouble. Life saving skills are all applicable to an informal situation where the activity is recreational and may be unstructured such as that at a cottage. Out of the broadly based group of life savers, come those who aspire to be lifeguards.

The RLSSC defines a lifeguard as a person who is responsible for a given area and/or aquatic activity. Potential lifeguards must have life saving skills and knowledge. The RLSSC Bronze Cross and minimum 16 years are the prerequisites to the National Lifeguard Service course. The NLS Course is offered in three options: pool, waterfront or surf.

Camps will discover that staff with this certification are invaluable in the encouragement of appropriate behaviour in the aquatic environment. NLS lifeguards can also provide further in-service training to those on your staff who hold life saving awards and have yet to acquire the extra skills and knowledge of a certified lifeguard.

NLS courses are offered through RLSSC programs across Canada. Summer camps who wish to offer the NLS program to staff and 16 year old campers have two choices. The camp has on staff an NLS Instructor who teaches the 40 hour course in blocks of time when participants are available. This is ideal as camp recreational swims and camp facilities offer endless opportunities for practical experience. The second choice, would be to import an NLS Instructor who would offer the course prior to the arrival of campers, as a part of pre-camp training. Perhaps a third choice is to encourage the staff to take the pool option at their local pool. While some of the material will be specifically oriented to lifeguarding and supervision in a pool, most of the material is appropriate to all applications. The camp waterfront director should review the specific material that applies to your particular camp waterfront once the staff are at the camp.

The NLS course includes: lifeguarding skills and techniques, maintenance of the pool or beach (depending upon the option chosen), public relations, search procedures, aquatic emergency care, program administration, legal aspects and government regulations.

Information concerning the availability of NLS courses may be obtained from your provincial Branch of the RLSSC.

GROUP DYNAMICS EXERCISE

Responding to those "Difficult" questions

By: John Roberts

Handbooks for Camp Counsellors provide a wide variety of answers on countless numbers of questions asked by campers, or posed as a result of behavioural differences. But there are very few books on the Camp Director's shelf which provide answers for Counsellors when asked questions of a personal or value judgement nature. How do Counsellors cope with very sensitive questions about sex, drugs, morals, religions?

In pre-camp, Directors and staff spend considerable time discussing swimming, archery, fire emergencies, campfire programs, canoe trip safety, the stars, bedtime procedures, discipline problems and story-telling. But in many camps, very little time is given to helping the Counsellor learn 'how to handle' questions which, although very important to campers, are better left 'untouched'. There are some publishers who feel that reference to sexual or moral attitudes are too personal, or judgemental, and should therefore not be discussed for fear of losing sales.

But time *should* be spent in pre-camp ... and Counsellors *should* be encouraged to express their feelings and values as to how to respond to very natural questions from growing and easily-influenced young people.

Camp leaders might consider this exercise for use prior to camp, or at specially called meetings during the summer with Counsellors and Leaders-in-Training.

1. Initially indicate to the group that the purpose of this exercise is to give the staff an opportunity to verbalize their views as to how certain personal questions and problems can best be handled within their own group of campers. At the same time, the staff will be encouraged to express their own personal views on each of the topics, after the 'experts' have provided what they feel to be the 'model' answer.
2. The staff and/or L.I.T. group is divided into sub-groups of three or four.
3. Each sub-group is given a four-question topic (see some examples below). Allow 15-20 minutes for each group to arrive at a consensus answer for each of the four parts of the question. The question is repeated (along with the conditions), and a spokesperson from the sub-groups gives the 'model' answer.
4. After the response has been given for each topic, the audience is then encouraged to question the respondants (the "experts") as to the appropriateness of their answers.
5. Should the Camp Director have philosophical differences with the answers, these should also be expressed at the time, or in summary following the discussion on each topic.

The following are some suggested TOPICS and examples. If used, they should be pre-written on the four cards to be given to each sub-group.

The TOPIC (or question) should be written at the top of each of the four cards. The balance of material on each card varies according to age of the camper, and attitudes or practices of the Counsellor.

Topic - Capital Punishment.
Is Capital Punishment right?
Card 1 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes in Capital Punishment.
Card 2 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who is firmly opposed to Capital Punishment.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes in Capital Punishment.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who is firmly opposed to Capital Punishment.

Topic - God.
Is there a God?
Card 1 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who firmly believes in the existence of God.
Card 2 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who has some serious doubts about the existence of God.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who firmly believes in the existence of God.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who firmly denies the existence of God.

Topic - Virginity.
Are you a Virgin?
Card 1 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who is a virgin, but wonders to himself if he's "normal".
Card 2 - From a 9 year old to a Counsellor who is not a virgin, and whose sexual encounters have only been for physical enjoyment, with no love or feeling involved.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who has not had sexual intercourse and does not believe in it before marriage.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who has engaged in sexual intercourse with his girlfriend who he loves.

Topic - Masturbation.
Is Masturbation wrong?
Card 1 - From a 12 year old to a Counsellor who masturbates occasionally and feels very guilty.
Card 2 - From a 12 year old to a Counsellor who is not uncomfortable with the fact that he masturbates.
Card 3 - From a 15 or 16 year old camper or L.I.T. to a Counsellor who feels masturbation is sinful and wrong.
Card 4 - From a 15 or 16 year old camper or L.I.T. to a Counsellor who has no feelings of guilt, and is comfortable with his own sexuality in masturbating.

Topic - Abortion.

Marc Pavillons

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lots of camping activity during the past year and this is reflected in the projects, conferences, programs and workshops of the Provincial Associations. Congratulations to each Provincial President and the Boards and Committees who carry out the various activities. Taken altogether, we have to be ethusiastic about the Canadian perspective in camping.

The CCA Board and Committees have also had a busy year. I urge you to read these reports and I know you will be pleased to learn more concerning:

- Plans for CCA's 50th Anniversary in 1986 from Cliff Labbett, Past President of CCA
- Special projects for 1985 International Year of Youth from Hugh Phillips of Edmonton
- CCA Involvement in the 1987 International Congress in Washington from our representative, Janet Adamson, Toronto
- Ongoing work of the Education Committee, chaired by Dorothy Walter, Toronto
- The strides in Publicity and Promotion led by Chairman, Marnie Ellis of Montreal
- Successes of the Publications Committee under the able leadership of Wendy Wren and Judy Richards, Toronto
- The response to "Canadian Camping" is evidence of the work of the indefatigable Jay Haddad, Toronto
- Barry Lowes, Chairman of the Immigration Task Force who developed and has maintained excellent working relationships with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission
- Bruno Morawetz of Peterborough, chairs the Archives Committee and watches over our past history which is maintained at Trent University
- Leadership Development projects have been held in several provinces and you'll get specifics from Paul Potter, Chairman
- The Environment Committee is functioning with Jean Funk of Edmonton at the helm
- Standards Chairman Brian Law of Winnipeg will advise of his work over the past year.

And, of course our three hard working Vice Presidents, George Matthews (East), Ken Willis (Central) and Terry Burkhalter (West) have each communicated to their respective Provincial Associations and are acknowledged. Ken replaced Louis Jean who resigned after accepting a position with ACQ. Thank you George Ross, Treasurer for your work, advice and contributions. One of the unsung heroes of CCA is Jan James, CCA Secretary. While most of Jan's work is evidenced in the Minutes, she also makes valuable contributions to many areas of CCA operations.

We are grateful to the Camping Association of Nova Scotia for hosting and sharing in this 1984 Annual Meeting and Conference. This opportunity to meet with others has also been enjoyed during 1983-84 in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Newfoundland; thank you all for your warm welcomes to CCA delegations.

Fitness Canada have provided invaluable funding opportunities and we are appreciative of this support. We recognize that our unique organization would be limited significantly without these contributions. Thank you Shirl Willette and your Ministry.

Marjorie Booth, our Executive Director has the challenge to weave all CCA volunteers and their projects into a workable whole. Thank you for your cheerfulness Marj in the face of the demands made of you.

Thanks to each of you who work to make camping in Canada more widely known and available to Canadians.

Jocelyn Palm

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The applause from the International Camping Congress had almost died down when 1983-84 began last April. Nevertheless, the Canadian Camping Association/Association des camps du Canada had already geared up for our next major effort, National Camping Day on April 14th.

Marnie Ellis and her capable team of provincial volunteers carried out their respective tasks to begin the difficult job of achieving public awareness of Camp Counsellors and organized camping. Following this first effort, Marnie determined the plans for the next National Camping Day - March 21st, 1984. The Board were informed in October and the provincial PR volunteers were asked to follow the promotion plan used and developed for April 1983.

Publications continue to be a significant effort of the Association. The loyal volunteers, Wendy Wren and Judy Richards continue the task of maintaining an accurate inventory of books as well as mailing out the orders across the country. The highlight of this year was our newest publication the Counsellor-in-Training Manual. This publication was produced in two versions, an instructor's manual for CIT Directors and a "Workbook" version for the CIT's themselves. Sales have been extremely good since we required a second printing by June 30th! The volunteers who contributed this manuscript deserve our congratulations.

Terry Burkhalter, our Western Vice President, did an effective job as Executive Workshop Task Force Chairman. This CCA/ACC Workshop, held at Bolton Camp in October, was our first in-depth executive training for provincial presidents and vice presidents since 1976. The major recommendation from this event is to continue this type of training in the future.

Three opportunities for my professional development were provided by the Association in 1983/84. In May, I was able to spend a week at the American Camping Association Headquarters in Bradford Woods, Indiana. The week provided new insight into potential development areas for a national camping association. I was indeed fortunate to spend time with virtually all the ACA executive staff.

In early June, I completed the 2nd year of the Canadian Institute of Organization Management at the University of Western Ontario. The theme of this course was "Management Dynamics" and dealt with effective motivational techniques for volunteers.

The Association also allowed me to attend the American Camping Association National Convention in San Diego in February. These experiences all serve to expand my knowledge and understanding of environment within the Association.

The part-time staff of the Association has undergone some change during this year. Mary Roy left the CCA/ACC in September after eight years of loyal service. Our typist, Sharon Freedman, also resigned during the fall prior to the birth of her second child. Thank you both for your hard work and continuing interest in the camping movement.

We were fortunate to recruit Irene Knapp as our new Secretary/Bookkeeper in October. Irene has settled into this rather unique role very well - adapting to the various demands with great enthusiasm. Thank you Irene for your tremendous support and interest.

Next year could be called "Great Expectations"! With International Youth Year beginning in 1985, we have plans for three special events: a Youth Camp Director Institute in January, a special IYY edition of Canadian Camping in Spring and a special celebratory day program at all CCA/ACC Member Camps in August.

The CCA/ACC will hold another Promotions Workshop for provincial delegates in October to finalize our publicity plans for 1984-85.

Fitness Canada continues to provide more than financial assistance. The consultant for much of 1983/84, Mr. Shirl Willette, has supported our efforts enthusiastically throughout the year.

The CCA/ACC is more than meetings, minutes and mailings – it is MEMBERS. As I participated in events across Canada this year I am grateful for the interest, excitement and commitment of the leaders of the camping movement. We have much to be proud of due in no small part to the outstanding efforts of our national volunteer Executive, Board and Chairmen. Thank you for your dedication – it is my pleasure to work with all of you.

Marjorie Booth

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

During our 1983 AGM it was announced by Newfoundland's Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth that the NLCA was to be granted office space at the Provincial Recreation Centre, Torbay. It is there that most other youth, recreation and sport association offices are housed. Hopefully this will provide us more opportunities to promote our association as well as a home for our operations and resources.

We have experienced a substantial turnover in our Bord of Directors this year with the addition of six new members. This includes Judy May of Corner Brook, our west coast director which is a position that we have had difficulty in filling over the past several years. Over the past year many of us have had to make adjustments in order to become acquainted with the NLCA. To this end our Executive have been reviewing terms of reference and constitution items in order to involve more people in our activities. Our focus will be to strengthen committees and to make our association a truly provincial one.

Through the diligent efforts of Barb Taylor we have produced an up-to-date directory which is available through our provincial office.

Our secretary, Levi Hehaney and his wife attended the American Camping Association Conference in San Diego in February. They were very enthusiastic about the activities and sessions which they attended, and, as usual were disappointed that there was not enough time to attend more sessions. Such conferences help to charge up our commitment to the camping movement and serve to remind us of the great impact we can have on youth. Levi was also instrumental in arranging for Grant Kerr, President of OCA, to attend our meeting of March 29 where he provided us with some information on the operations in other provinces. We found his talk quite interesting as he touched on many of the issues which NLCA is facing. It is interesting to observe that many of our associations have similar problems.

Myself and Janice Stroud, a new board member, attended the CCA Executive Development Workshop at Bolton Camp, Ontario, in October. We both found the course very beneficial and it allowed us to become more familiar with scope and range of CCA.

We are now preparing for our Annual Meeting and Spring Workshop which will be attended by Marjorie Booth and Dorothy Walter. Following our AGM we will be offering our counsellor leadership course on the last weekend of May at Rotary Sunshine Camp.

A proposal has also been forwarded to Employment and Immigration Canada for funding of a summer project which would supplement our visitation and provincial visibility efforts. We hope to reach more camps with this project in an effort to have a clearer picture of camping in Newfoundland & Labrador.

Wallace Gregory

NOVA SCOTIA

The Association received an intern under the Summer Canada Employment Program during the summer of 1983. Being accepted into this program automatically makes us eligible for a staff person for the summer of 1984 and 1985.

By having this person on staff, we were able to develop two training programs for camp counsellors; one at Camp Hilles on the Mainland and one at Camp Aite Breagh on Cape Breton Island. Both were well attended and very successful.

In addition, several training programs for individual camps were carried out by the intern for Association Members.

In cooperation with Canoe Nova Scotia, the Association put together and published a new book entitled "Canoe Routes for Nova Scotia". This was placed on sale in the summer of 1983 and we look forward to this book increasing our income over the next few years.

One of the results of having a staff person working with the Association was the increase in book sales for our Association and for the Canadian Camping Association. Books were available at all Association events and at individual camps when the camps were visited. We will carry out the same format in the summer of 1984.

In December we were pleased to have the President of CCA with us for our bi-annual meeting and dinner. Jocelyn carried greetings from CCA and was the main speaker of the evening.

All in all it was a successful year with planning already underway for the CCA Board meeting in May/84. A major event will be staged at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College from May 4th to the 6th.

George Matthews

NEW BRUNSWICK

The year 1983 has been both a productive but trying year for those involved with the New Brunswick Camping Association. As president it is certainly a pleasure to report that the Board of Directors provided the membership with the largest calendar of events ever offered and in doing so were able to maintain a stable financial position without the support of traditional government grants from the Department of Youth and Recreation.

Highlights of the year included:

- five development workshops for camp staff and outdoor educators including – Counsellor/Director Weekend, Canoe Instructor School, Winter Outdoor Skills Institute, Fall Weekend, and Camp Committee Workshop. We are indebted to CCA for providing funding for Consultant/Advisors for two of these events.
- the recognition of three individuals, two camps and one agency through our newly created awards program designed to honour the volunteers who have made significant contributions to camping in New Brunswick.
- a new format and improved quality of our quarterly bulletin "Camping News".
- the launching of a membership campaign.
- the granting of a charitable tax number that has allowed for a major fund-raising program to begin.

The above noted highlights combined with the routine duties of our six ongoing committees provided for a stable base and positive year for those involved with NBCA.

One of the most difficult tasks the Board of Directors had to contend with was the association's financial position. The sudden loss of government grants from the Department of Youth and Recreation due to provincial budget restraint left the association in

a fragile financial position, however, through careful planning and corporate support the association ended the year with a small operating surplus.

Other minor problems occurred throughout the year, however, the positive happenings certainly out numbered the setbacks and the year can certainly be termed a success.

Thanks are extended to the many individuals who have contributed to the continued growth of NBCA. Your efforts are not unnoticed as without this volunteer commitment our association would not be the healthy, progressive organization it currently is.

Ian R. Fowler

QUEBEC

Les activités de l'ACQ, cette année, ont été ajustées aux besoins des membres. Un questionnaire a été envoyé à l'automne, pour connaître les besoins des camps et les services qu'ils attendent de leur Association. Des journées thématiques sur "La gestion par informatique", "Les nouveaux jeux", et "La place des parents au camp" ont retenu l'intérêt de plusieurs membres. La Semaine des Camps du 23 au 28 avril sera la principale activité de promotion au printemps. Un projet spécial, en collaboration avec le Ministère du Loisir, de la chasse et de la pêche, nous permettra d'avoir un "message radio" durant cette semaine.

Au Québec, la Loi de la protection du consommateur a fait l'objet de plusieurs rencontres avec différents intervenants afin d'obtenir une exemption pour les camps de vacances.

Claire Ménard

ONTARIO

Throughout 1983, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Ontario Camping Association. It was a year marked with a number of excellent Association events including a creative 50th Anniversary Party/Annual Meeting in the Spring; a very successful Counsellor Conference (1000 registrants); an involved summer of camp visitations (some 70 camps visited); the production of a great new OCA History – to be available to all. It was a year-long celebration.

The OCA with its 200 camp members, 300 individual members and some 50 commercial members continues to provide quality camping experiences for children, youth and adults. The Board and Executive have worked well and several administrative changes were introduced. A major task currently underway is the purchase of computer equipment for our Office. And the Committees, and Task Forces of the Association offered a variety of workshops and seminars – all of which were well attended.

A new film was commissioned and will be used for education/promotion throughout the Province. Our Legislation Task Force continues to monitor changes in Government policy that will affect camps. And new attempts in regional development have been implemented to increase the awareness and visibility of the OCA across the entire Province.

K. Grant Kerr

MANITOBA

The year of 1983 is gone but has provided an even stronger base for the Manitoba Camping Association. We are particularly pleased by the improved participation of members – individuals, camps and organizations. As the value and need of the MCA becomes more known, we anticipate further participation.

There are several events that merit specific comment. I will try to do these chronologically.

First of all, it was terrific in January, 1983, to have 20 Manitobans travel to the CCA International Congress in Toronto. Manitobans gained a lot and gave a lot to this event. Special mention goes to Brian Law, who chairs the National Standards Committee.

In early May, the MCA had the pleasure of hosting the CCA Board. In conjunction with their visit, Marg Law put together a terrific conference that saw 100 camping folks involved. The quality of the sessions was high as was the enthusiasm of the participants. A special treat was, Don Starkell relating his super canoe trip from Winnipeg to South America. He well illustrated the saying, "Life is an adventure or nothing at all".

The MCA Sunshine Fund had another fantastic year. The Winnipeg Free Press ran weekly articles on camping and kids. The people of Manitoba were generous in their support of the Sunshine Fund. Over $50,000 was raised with about 300 kids helped in going to camp. Kathy Taylor, as chairperson of the Sunshine Fund, did an excellent job. Bettie Heindl admirably handled the operation of the fund. Together, the MCA had a team that made '83 the best year in all aspects for the Sunshine Fund. Look out '84!

The summer, as always was a busy time for camps. Modest increases were reported across the province. Visitations were made by the MCA for Standards Association. Terry Burkhalter was in charge of this with strong support from Bettie Heindl and the volunteer visitors. Terry is also the Western Vice-President of the CCA.

September saw the MCA Board meet for a day to project plans and programs for the coming year. It was a helpful time as each member had an opportunity to express their concerns and dreams for the association. At the end of the day, there was a spirit of optimism for the MCA and its mandate.

In closing, I would like to express gratitude to the many people who have made the MCA a strong voice for camping in Manitoba. One way this voice is heard is through our excellent newsletter, the Manitoba Camping Scene, edited by Cliff Derksen. Thank you to Bettie Heindl, who gives us strong support in the office. And, finally thank you to Marc Bruyere and the Manitoba government for their support of the MCA. We look to '84 for another strong year of camps and camping in Manitoba. The MCA will be a significant factor in making that happen.

Bryan Hill

SASKATCHEWAN

For Saskatchewan our attentions have been focused on two aspects of work. First is the completion of our "Directory of Camps" for the province. Secondly we have been working on an exemption from the "minimum wage" legislation in the province.

For the Directory of Camps, many hours have been put into the compiling of names and research to find camps in the province. In some cases camps are of very small duration and seemed to be hesitant of what the association could do for them. The SCA launched this project to the public as a co-ordinated effort with National Camping Day, March 21st. The Directory seems to be well received, having many requests to fill.

Our second and most ambitious project was the application to the Provincial Government for an exemption under the Labour Standards Act from "minimum wage" guidelines and hours of work. A big thanks goes to Marj Booth who prepared the brief, National office for the hours of research and to the other provinces who offered their support and assistance in compiling information. We are very appreciative of this solidarity shown by camping people across the country. I think a message is clear as to the strength and quality of camping in Canada. For Saskatchewan at least this means survival to the camps. Hopefully the camps not in the association at present will realize the value of their provincial association and the national federation.

Other events for the year also included a conference on standards and accreditation of camps. Our entire system was revamped and updated, a job that will have positive effects for camping in Saskatchewan. The sessions held March 31st, in Saskatoon were very productive. Most of the camps that are presently accredited are due for renewal this summer.

Saskatchewan, however, is still struggling along. We are trying to grow and share with our members a better camping scene, better resources, better leadership and a sense of pride in being a "Camping person".

David Godwin

ALBERTA

The Board of Directors held five meetings between the 1983 and 1984 conference dates. The executive also gathered at other times for special tasks.

A completely revised constitution was drafted and ratified by your Board for presentation and voting at this year's AGM. Exemption from the Labour Legislation Act for camp counsellors on minimum wage and overtime pay was achieved. This will hopefully be maintained on a yearly basis with the Department of Labour.

Programs and Leadership - Three regional workshops were held in addition to the annual conference. Over one hundred and twenty (120) participants and twenty-three (23) volunteer leaders contributed to the great success of these events.

Four newsletters were published on a new format. The high quality of the newsletter has been well received by the membership.

Committee Projects and Area Reps - In addition to the Education and Communication Committees, Standards, Membership, Conference, Research and Development were all active in their respective areas. A tremendous amount of volunteer time and effort has gone into these various committees enabling the Association to function smoothly and accomplish the myriad of tasks necessary for our advancement.

The Area Reps who have the difficult task of keeping in touch with all the camps at the local level and who are the "representatives at large" for the Association continued to keep a follow-up on member camps in their areas, assist with camp visitations and sit on other standing committees.

Thank-You's - On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Outdoor Recreation Section of the Provincial Recreation and Parks Department for their continued financial and moral support. A special thanks as well to Marjorie Booth, Executive Director of the Canadian Camping Association for her continued support and liaison with our Provincial Association.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their dedication and support over the past year. It is the strength of this fine group of volunteers that makes our Association the fine one it is.

Michael Kenny

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The highlight of our activities in B.C. was our annual conference held at Camp Squamish March 16-18. The CCA Executive were able to schedule a meeting here to coincide with the conference, so we were able to draw on their skills and experience for a number of workshops. Our special guest was Jay Haddad, who did not only a really effective workshop entitled "Sexual Values and Attitudes in Camping", but also brought his audio-visual presentation "The Universal Child". It was a delight to have Jay with us for the weekend and a chance for many of us to tell him directly our appreciation of his efforts as editor of "Canadian Camping".

The consensus of opinion, I think was that this was the best conference we have had in some time and we are starting now to plan for next year.

In other areas, a considerable amount of work has been done this year to re-evaluate our camp standards document and streamline procedures. This was much needed and a revised version should be ready for this summer.

The other important developing in B.C. this year has been the creation of a regional section of BCCA on Vancouver Island. We have long felt the need for regional sections in this province and now the first concrete steps in this direction have been taken.

David Adair

CCA/ACC NATIONAL STATISTICS

	1980 Summer	1981 Summer	1982 Summer	1983 Summer
Total Camp Members	590	597	618	616
Accredited Member Camps	N/A	553	500	523
Non-Accredited Member Camps	N/A	44	118	93
Day Camps	126	125	69	50
Resident Camps	453	468	543	471
Extended Season Camps	N/A	(71)	190	191
Camper/Beds	64,276	74,762	71,182	82,047
Camper/Days	3,962,848	4,046,388	6,103,253	3,173,474
Individual Campers Registered	N/A	N/A	293,941	320,819
Foreign Campers	9,790	9,130	4,904	11,188
Foreign Campers/Days	1,503,268	185,609	119,158	176,303
Volunteer Staff	18,405	12,247	15,038	15,933
Paid Staff	19,282	20,539	20,080	38,592
Staff/Days	1,125,676	1,151,255	1,293,264	1,291,744
Foreign Staff	1,076	1,268	1,163	1,466
Staff/Students	18,787	16,784	18,211	18,469
$ Food	11,454,000	12,607,000	12,923,000	14,160,117
$ Wages	17,279,000	19,448,000	21,153,000	23,128,656
$ Foreign Wages	557,968	524,331	415,897	435,073
$ Foreign Camper Fees	3,125,000	3,500,940	2,853,965	4,501,059

CCA/ACC STATISTICS 1983 – SUMMER

ITEM	NFLD.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	TOTAL
I. ASSOCIATION:										
Member Camp – Total	15	51	37	117	205	32	15	82	62	616
Member Camp – Accredited	—	51	—	117	198	17	11	67	62	523
Member Camp – Non-Accredited	15	—	37	—	7	15	4	15	—	93
Day Camp	2	2	1	5	29	5	4	N/R	2	50
Resident Camp	13	49	33	103	176	26	11	N/R	60	471
Other	—	—	3	9	—	1	—	—	—	13
4 Season	6	4	4	50	12	8	4	18	11	117
3 Season	—	4	9	18	21	6	4	5	7	74
II. CAMPERS:										
Camper Beds (Capacity)	989	3,541	3,492	16,568	31,233	3,400	2,589	13,272	6,963	82,047
Individual Campers Registered	6,486	28,074	9,778	75,768	108,709	14,804	11,326	35,144	30,830	320,819
Camper/Days	49,847	304,694	48,894	790,595	1,332,353	164,142	75,816	5,403	401,730	3,173,474
Foreign Campers	—	49	10	239	3,958	218	32	62	6,620	11,188
Foreign Camper/Days	—	463	48	8,129	117,065	1,450	206	662	48,280	176,303
III. STAFF:										
Volunteer Staff	597	1,394	1,411	1,395	3,044	936	717	3,646	2,793	15,933
Paid Staff	103	646	755	3,788	10,565	726	389	1,331	947	38,592
Staff/Days	5,083	63,194	83,647	256,336	550,202	60,146	21,563	148,023	102,550	1,291,744
Foreign Staff	—	11	1	12	807	100	7	18	510	1,466
Staff/Students	131	820	1,297	3,544	8,479	806	258	1,436	1,698	18,469
IV. FINANCE:										
$ Food	104,580	427,300	217,000	3,285,885	6,721,449	737,136	364,151	888,746	1,413,870	14,160,117
$ Wages	90,041	730,134	484,210	4,894,456	10,805,268	1,705,664	606,212	2,466,713	1,345,958	23,128,656
$ Foreign Staff Wages	—	4,000	—	16,007	390,133	6,000	—	—	18,933	435,073
$ Foreign Camper Fees	—	1,675	855	101,254	3,074,165	N/R	15,300	13,487	1,294,323	4,501,059
% Return/Province	87%	35%	76%	41%	57%	50%	100%	39%	40%	

50th ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE

1983 has been a busy year commencing with the highly successful International Congress jointly sponsored by CCA and OCA for this first ever function. Having been President of CCA when this concept was first established and working through its very difficult birth, it was very satisfying to see it come to fruition under a very capable and hard working committee.

I have been given the responsibility of the initial planning of suitable activities to mark CCA's 50th anniversary in 1986. Since contact has been made with many of the CCA Past Presidents and current provincial executives for ideas their response has been good. Since definite plans are not yet formulated the following ideas will be the basis of our anniversary celebrations:

1. Kite flying across Canada.
2. Be a part of the annual July 1st celebrations in Ottawa.
3. Tie in with National Camping Day and sponsorship be private industry in a salute to Children's Camping across Canada.
4. Official recognition from UNESCO for camping's contribution to protection of our environment.
5. Across Canada campfires.

Clifford Labbett

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The most important action has been the "brown bag" approach to the collection of Archival materials. Each Provincial Association was sent a large brown envelope marked "Archives" under which are listed the kinds of materials that should be saved and placed in the envelope for mailing at a later date when the envelope is about to burst.

It seems essential that each President encourage his Archives Chairman to be alert to the necessity of collecting materials which would be of interest to later generations or to students doing research on camping for his province.

Archivist Bernadine Dodge, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7B8, will always be happy to receive materials of this kind, and it is hoped that each Association will diligently collect Archival material from its own members.

Bruno Morawetz, Ph.D.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This report reflects action and progress made toward having the "Curriculum for Camp Directors" a viable resource. The curriculum is seen as an incentive for those who wish to pursue knowledge at a self-directed pace. The committee is addressing that issue.

The content of the curriculum, having been confirmed by the provincial representatives last year, meant that the committee needed to turn its attention to resources, guidelines and methods for assessing individual progress toward the goal of professionalism.

The document has now been put on word processing and we are investigating the "packaging" of it. In a survey to provincial associations, we now have an indication of what topics can be implemented provincially and what becomes a national responsibility. This is seen as assisting the planning of learning events on both levels. Since September, the focus of committee work has been to develop a bibliography; write guidelines for the use of the curriculum and an accompanying form to assist individuals to document their progress in covering the topics. Compiling of supportive resources has become a task for the committee.

Our research indicated that video taping was too costly a venture therefore we are encouraging the Education Committee in each province to tape sessions at conferences and workshops to help increase major resources. We will be developing guidelines.

"Director Education" is a challenging assignment and action plan for the near future is to (a) support the development of learning at a national level and (b) to encourage provincial initiative.

I continue to praise the members of this committee who work with diligence and insight. Our progress is significant. My sincere appreciation is extended publicly to Stan Talesnick, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Booth and Jan James our Board liaison person.

Dorothy Walter, Chairman

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

October 1983 saw a fresh start for the Environment Committee. The following projects have been initiated:

- revised Action Plan for the committee
- submission of news items for the CCA/ACC Newsletter, or for provincial newsletters
- review of current Environment Canada information
- recommendation that the CCA develop an ongoing liaison with the National Trail Association
- initiated correspondence with several forestry industries to determine what materials are available for CCA camps to use
- reviewed the proposed Energy Camp; recommended that the CCA pursue a joint venture with the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa
- drafted the "CCA Environmental Ethic"

I am looking forward to the development of environmental guidelines for campsite management, and the acceptance of the "CCA Environmental Ethic" in 1984.

A special thanks go to Jan James, Executive Liaison, and to Marjorie Booth, Executive Director for their ongoing support.

Jean Funk

EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP TASK FORCE

As reported in the 1982/83 CCA/ACC Annual Report our Task Force scheduled a Volunteer Executive Development Workshop at Bolton Camp and Conference Centre near Toronto, October 13-15, 1983. The workshop addressed the following problem areas:

- short term planning
- decision-making (concerns, etc.) with volunteer boards
- organizational development
- problem solving

Arnold Cohen, Winnipeg, was the workshop leader/facilitator for our group. Our group consisted of two people from each province where possible along with the CCA/ACC elected executive.

After summarizing the results of a questionnaire sent to participants ahead of time, the following issues of leadership and managerial styles were highlighted:

- decision-making
- problem solving
- conflict resolution
- communication
- teamwork skills
- planning

As a tool, Cohen used the book, *The New Managerial Grid* (by Robert R. Blake and Jane S. Mouton, Gulf Publishing, 1978) to lead us through an intense experiential process.

The intent of the workshop was to increase the participant's skills in *Effective Management Techniques.* The premise for this workshop was that if we could improve the managerial abilities of association leaders, they would be more effective in their various leadership roles at the provincial national levels.

Results of the workshop were tested immediately by participants who were involved in the 24-hour CCA/ACC Board of Directors meeting. During this meeting, the communication and planning activities of several members had changed significantly from previous meetings.

Officially this task force has completed its responsibility according to the CCA/ACC ACTION PLAN. In the evaluation questionnaire, several persons encouraged a continuation of an executive development workshop every two years for the purpose of getting to know each other better, (particularly in lieu of changing representatives and personnel on the Board of Directors) and to constructively look at the issues of leadership and managerial styles as listed above.

As the outgoing chairman of this Task Force, I will be recommending to the Board of Directors an ongoing plan to continue working toward benefits that were an integral part of our October 1983 experience.

Terry Burkhalter

FRENCH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Editor of Canadian Camping continued the practice of producing the Editorial in both official languages. Additional efforts were made to include other articles in French and English.

The Public Relations and Promotion Committee also improved the National Camping Day information for use in francophone communities in Canada.

Pauline Rondeau resigned as Chairman at the end of this year due to severe time restraints. We look forward to welcoming the new Chairman of the French Language Committee, Colette Pouliot-Marier to the next Board Meeting. Colette plans to continue with the tasks of generating articles in French for Canadian Camping and establishing priorities and procedures for translation.

Ken Willis

FOREIGN CAMP COUNSELLORS (CCDO 2333-126)

	1982		1983	
	A	B	A	B
NFLD.				1
P.E.I.				
N.S.	4	2	9	
N.B.	1		2	2
QUE.	10		9	3
ONT.	550	30	541	52
MAN.	21	7	6	2
SASK.	13	9	4	4
ALTA.	15	2	5	1
B.C.	59	8	634	74
TOTAL	732 (1)*		708 (1)*	

A: with CEC Clearance.
B: Without CEC Clearance (admitted to the country under various exemption codes such as Working Holiday Programs, Canadian Crossroads, etc.)
*(1) '1 not stated' included in total.

Barry Lowes

IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

The protocol worked out between the Federal Ministry of Employment and Immigration and the writer, together with the Executive Director, during our meeting in Ottawa, has continued to serve well the needs of Canadian camps wishing to employ some foreign camp counsellors. Year by year these procedures are becoming used and accepted by camps across Canada, making the hiring of foreign camp counsellors a smooth operation. We appreciate the continuing support and co-operation we have received from the federal officials. Whenever a problem has arisen, they have been quick to help.

Few problems occurred during 1983, when they did arise they were due to camps not following the protocol step by step.

We have given three undertakings to the Federal Ministry:

1. That camps will endeavour to follow faithfully the steps as set out in the protocol.
2. That every effort will be made to hire a "Canadian" before requesting permission to employ a foreign camp counsellor.
3. That camps will provide basic statistical information to their provincial associations, which will be collated by the Canadian Camping Association office and forwarded to this Ministry.

This statistical information is confidential and imperative if we are to continue to justify our requests.

We urge you to provide the statistical information requested.

The statistics compiled by the Federal Government are in the chart above.

Barry Lowes

1987 INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS

The Second International Camping Congress, is planned for March 3-5, 1987, in Washington, D.C. The Canadian Camping Association is jointly sponsoring this event with the American Camping Association. To this end, I have been representing the CCA at the Steering Committee meetings and Program Committee meetings.

The Theme has been established - "Our Fragile World - A Challenge for the Outdoor Community". Plans are proceeding very well and the following organizations have indicated that they will be Joint or Cooperating Sponsors:

Joint	the American Camping Association the Canadian Camping Association the Jamaica Camping and Hiking Association the National Camping Association of Japan
Cooperating	the Alliance for Environmental Education American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance the American Nature Study Society the Association of Experiential Education the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario Christian Camping International, U.S. Division the European YMCA Camping Group the National Recreation and Park Association the National Society for Internships and Experiential Education the World Alliance of YMCAs the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

The purpose of this Congress is stated as follows:
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Further publicity and news of this event will be appearing in future editions of Canadian Camping magazine.

Janet Adamson

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR TASK FORCE

The IYY Task Force was struck in March of 1983. Five committee members from across Canada met for our initial meeting in Toronto on April 16-17, 1983. During this initial meeting 3 tasks were completed; namely, to define our purposes, discuss theme and logo of IYY and develop possible projects which committee members could coordinate in helping CCA celebrate IYY in 1985.

A second IYY Task Force meeting was held on October 22-23 to delineate and commit ourselves to projects developed during the initial meeting. Three nation-wide projects were defined in some detail. These projects include:

1. National Celebration Event: a special summer day in Aug. of 1985 where all campers in CCA help celebrate the international year of youth. Program kits for the themes of fitness, environment, historical roots and peace will be developed by the IYY Task Force.
2. Youth Camp Director Institute: proposed for Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1985 at Bolton Camp, Ontario, this Institute will help youth camp directors to develop managerial and leadership skills and to learn how to deliver the curriculum for the professional development of camp directors.
3. Special CCA Magazine Edition: an entire issue of Canadian Camping will be devoted to our youth. Themes of this issue will include peace, fitness, environment and historical roots.

Our next meeting, April 18-19, 1984, will be devoted to coordinating and implementation of these 3 IYY projects for CCA.

Hugh Phillips

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The CCA/ACC Board provided funds for Consultant/Advisors from our internal sources last May. Since that time the following persons travelled to give leadership at provincial conferences and workshops:

B.C.	1983 April 7-10	$ 474.00	Jack Pearse
NFLD.	April 21-24	$ 186.30	George Matthews
N.B.	May 27-29	$ 278.65	Jane McCutcheon
N.S.	June 10-12	$ 301.50	Jay Haddad
N.B.	1984 February 9-12	$ 232.30	Martha Knowlton
MAN.	March 9-11	$ 211.70	Mickey Johnston
ALTA.	March 9-11	$ 368.00	Jay Haddad
B.C.	March 16-18	$ 422.00	Jay Haddad
	TOTAL:	$2,474.45	

Ontario's request for a Consultant/Advisor was not used due to illness on the part of the speaker.

The Association des camps du Québec could not use their Consultant/Advisor due to insufficient registration for their Winter Conference.

In addition, the Consultant/Advisor also covered a portion of the expenses for the Executive Development Workshop Leader.

It is always encouraging to see so many provinces benefit from sharing leadership of the CCA members. Thank you to all for participating, writing your reports and keeping the C/A spirit alive!

Paul Potter

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Canadian Camping completed Volume 35 with quarterly issues for Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The feature articles covered a broad range of topics and the readers continue to respond through Letters To The Editor.

Members from across the country have contributed articles and photographs. We are now in the enviable position of having too much material for some issues.

The newsletter featured a special theme issue for Winter '84 on the environment. This kind of focus will result in recruiting new writers who have particular expertise to share.

The task of producing CANADIAN CAMPING is very much a team effort. Special thanks to Marc Côté who contributes to the layout and photo needs of the newsletter. In addition, Therese Wong,

our typesetter, takes a special interest in helping us produce an attractive finished product. Finally, Ken Smith at the National Sport & Recreation Centre guides the newsletter through the printing and mailing process in Ottawa before it reaches the members.

Next year we look forward to your contributions so that Canadian Camping will reflect our members from coast-to-coast.

Jay Haddad

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The CCA Book Store has enjoyed a fantastic year. Gross sales have increased by $8,776.00 over the previous year. This is evidence of the need for this service and also the support being received from CCA members.

The *CIT Manual* and the *CIT Instructor's Manual* written by several CCA members and donated to the Association has increased the volume of sales significantly. *Legacy to A Camper* and the *Woodsmanship Leaders' Guide,* both donated by the authors, continue to boost profits. This underscores the need to develop books which can be published by CCA.

We acknowledge the assistance of the following Provincial Associations who have made arrangements to have the CCA Book Store at their conferences and meetings: British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

A research project of the Publications Committee, funded through Fitness Canada, is being carried out by Jack Zoubie. The purpose of this research is to investigate the potential market for a new publication concerning family camping.

We are delighted with the increased interest in promoting the CCA Book Store across the country and appreciate each member's contribution. We would like to encourage the membership to become involved in the Publications Committee by: (a) writing reviews of new publications for the CCA magazine and, (b) advising us of any title found useful which should be sold through the CCA Book Store.

The Committee would like to thank Irene Knapp, CCA secretary who makes our volunteer contribution so much easier and more pleasant.

Wendy Wren and Judy Richards

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The main thrust of efforts for this committee is the promotion and success of National Camping Day – now in its second year.

As you may remember, last year a workshop was held for provincial representatives in January and these people became the "team" who worked on NCD. Last year the time of the chairman was spent chiefly in keeping these people enthused, reminded and working.

For NCD 1984 we chose a different direction. Knowing our team was well educated in their roles and able to tackle the public relations on a provincial basis, our approach this year was to back this up with national coverage. At the January meeting, the CCA Executive approved consultation with a PR firm. With their help, we distributed a press kit to major newspapers across Canada as well as to television stations. Terry Burkhalter from Manitoba prepared a radio spot which was sent out with a release and a letter to 70 radio stations across Canada. We know that this resulted in interviews in Manitoba and Alberta. Jocelyn Palm did interviews out West, and by phone to Québec, and Marjorie Booth appeared on Canada AM – due, in part, to a magazine article done earlier in the year with the Protect Yourself Magazine.

Individuals should be singled out who participated in a big way to make this year so successful. Thanks to Terry Burkhalter for this work on the tapes, and for a poster design which was sent to 1,000 camping alumni on NCD. Marjorie Booth spent hours working with the PR firm in Toronto and helped the chairman, in Montreal, coordinate with them and the provincial representatives. As always, special appreciation must go to Jocelyn Palm whose initiative and drive have caused NCD to be. She also stands in the way of critics and helps field all the questions, giving those working assurance and support.

In 1984 it is our intent to have another workshop for new provincial representatives, to broaden the team, and the provincial experience on public relations. This year our key areas of attack were the national media and Ontario. Next year a renewed team should be able to make strides on all fronts.

NCD is hard work. To create a national effort, to highlight our activities and to re-educate media and parents about the importance of camp choice and early preparation is an almost impossible task. Perhaps that is why we continue. As persons who meet challenges every day, almost impossible tasks may be what we handle best.

Marnie Ellis

STANDARDS TASK FORCE

The Standards Task Force members have had some information sharing over the past year. Communication of revised, updated standards or desired practices has been shared as well as process information as to how standards are being interpreted or enacted in various provinces.

Requests have come from Mexico, the USA, and South America for general information. In addition, recreation-specific requests, eg. aquatics, come in on a regular basis.

Objectives for the fall include a new provincial comparison of existing practices, the education of visitors, and an examination of the process of accreditation.

Special thanks to those provinces that have been consistent in maintaining communication.

Brian Law

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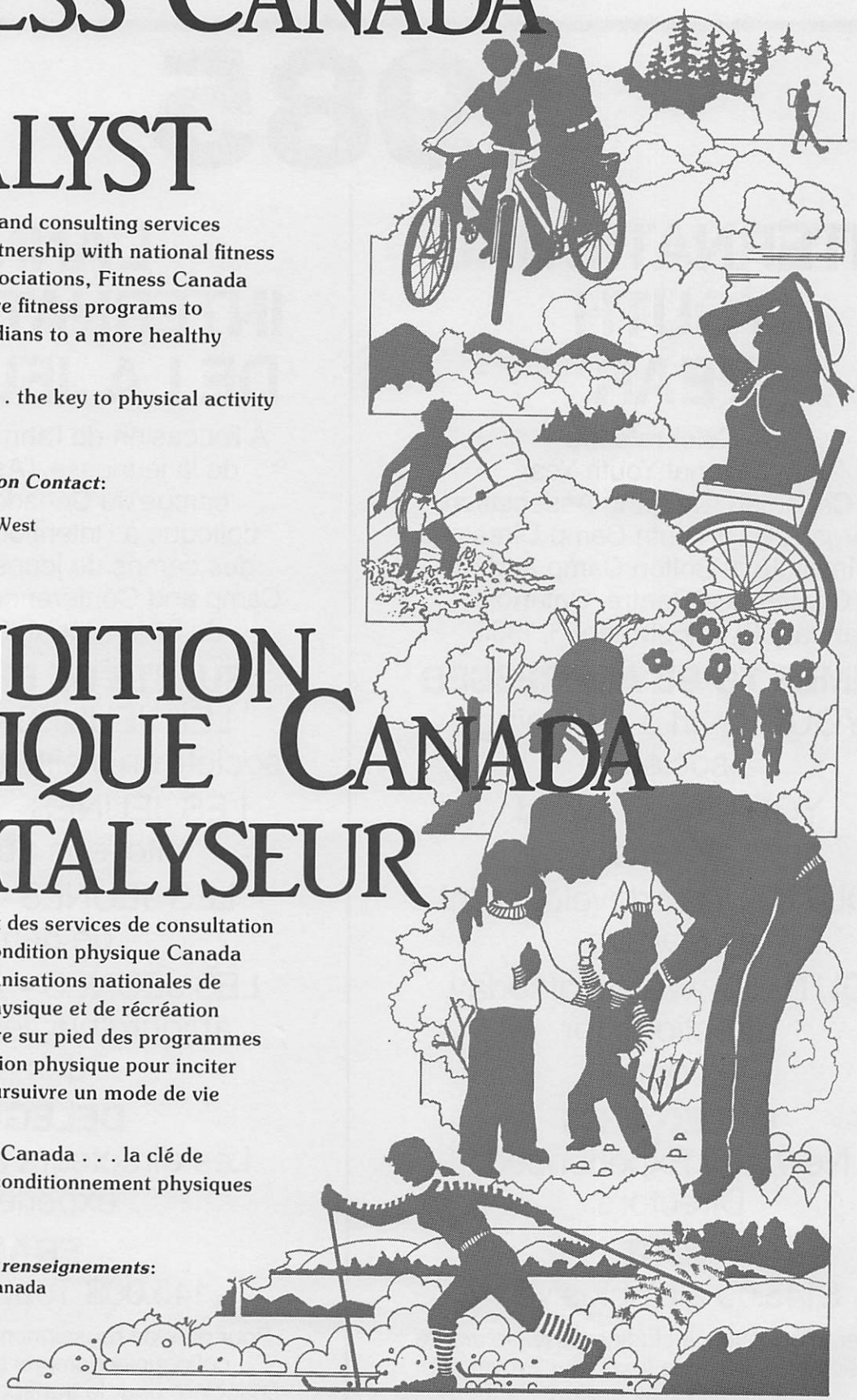

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

To Celebrate the International Youth Year the Canadian Camping Association has organized a Youth Camp Director's Institute at Bolton Camp and Conference Centre, Ontario, January 31 to February 3, 1985.

THEMES TO BE ADDRESSED

YOUTH – in a changing society.

YOUTH – as world citizens.

YOUTH – their development as leaders.

YOUTH'S – values of today, directions for tomorrow.

DELEGATES

New and Experienced Directors.

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$145.00 all inclusive*

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L'ANNEE INTERNATIONALE DE LA JEUNESSE

A l'occasion de l'année internationale de la jeunesse, l'Association des camps du Canada organise un colloque à l'intention des directeurs des camps de jeunesse au "Bolton Camp and Conference Centre", Ontario du 31 janvier au 3 février 1985.

SUJETS DE DISCUSSION

LES JEUNES – dans une société en pleine transformation

LES JEUNES – en tant que citoyens du monde

LES JEUNES – nos chefs de demain

LES JEUNES – leurs valeurs aujourd'hui; leurs valeurs demain

DELEGUES

Les directeurs avec et sans experience

FRAIS

145,00$ Tout compris*

Pour plus de renseignements au sujet de ce colloque, y compris possibilité d'aide financière pour le transport par avion, veuillez contacter votre Association des camps provinciale.

*Les délégués doivent s'occuper de leur transport pour le retour à Toronto.

Do you believe in abortion?
Card 1 - From a 8 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes in pro-life, and is against abortion, except in extreme medical or emotional situations.
Card 2 - From a 8 year old to a Counsellor who believes in the right of the female to obtain an abortion when she wishes.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes in pro-life and is against abortion, except in extreme medical or emotional situations.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes in the right of the female to obtain an abortion whenever she wishes.

Topic - Use of Drugs.
Do you smoke pot?
Card 1 - From a 10 year old to a Counsellor who smokes marijuana or hashish quite regularly.
Card 2 - From a 10 year old to a Counsellor who has tried pot once or twice, but is fairly opposed to the practice.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who often smokes pot or hashish.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who has had a friend severely mentally impaired by the use of non-medical drugs, but is not opposed to the experimenting with pot and hashish.

Topic - Homosexuality.
Do you think someone who is gay should be allowed to be a Minister?
Card 1 - From a 11 year old to a Counsellor who has few problems with homosexual being ordained by the Church.
Card 2 - From a 11 year old to a Counsellor who strongly objects to having a known homosexual as a Minister of a Church.
Card 3 - From a 16 year old camper or L.I.T. to a Counsellor who has few problems with a homosexual being ordained by the Church.
Card 4 - From a 16 year old camper or L.I.T. to a Counsellor who strongly objects to having a known homosexual as a Minister of a Church.

Topic - Censorship.
Do you believe in censorship of movies, books, T.V. magazines?
Card 1 - From a 10 year old to a Counsellor who feels that there should be *No* censorship, but also believes there should be controlled access to anyone under the legal age.
Card 2 - From a 10 year old to a Counsellor who believes the government has the responsibility to censor - and indeed increase censorship.
Card 3 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who feels it is an intrusion on the rights of any individual to censor anything.
Card 4 - From a 15 year old to a Counsellor who strongly believes lack of censorship increases crimes of violence and sexual perversion - therefore censorship is a must.

The above are merely sample topics for discussion. In planning this event, the Director can write his or her own cards.

Additional questions might be:
- Do you believe in Hell?
- Should someone charged with driving while drunk be jailed immediately?
- Even though Canada is a committed member of NATO, *should* we allow Cruise Missile Testing over our soil?
- Did you get drunk on your day-off yesterday?
- Does a person have a right to terminate his/her life?

BOOK REVIEW

by: Michael Kenny

"Outdoor Safety & Survival"
by: Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing. Government of B.C.

This 153 page, 14 chapter pocket sized booklet is a "mini Bible" for the outdoor enthusiast, one that should be brought along on every trip. Even if you don't require it, it makes excellent bed time reading as you sit curled up next to a warm campfire dreaming of wild places.

The chapters of the book give a thorough overview of the basic information one requires when entering the back country.

Starting off with a short introduction in the psychology of survival, the authors move on to a concise eight page chapter on clothing and equipment. A short section on travel tips including winter travel and how to keep warm is very helpful and sensibly points out that if you are lost, sometimes the best solution is to stay put.

The chapters on Finding Your Direction, Shelter Building, and Hypothermia have made good use of diagrams and charts in addition to comprehensive written material. The chapter on First Aid covers most of the minor afflictions that will occur in back country, but as the authors take pains to point out - take a complete first aid course before venturing out and when you do go, "be prepared" for the worst.

The book uses a common sense perspective to outdoor safety - it stresses preparation; however, if you do find yourself in trouble, take a hold of yourself and utilize the resources around you. This booklet will be of use to all travellers, novice or expert, whatever their mode of travel may be. Read it - It might be your life that you save.

CANADIAN CONSERVATION DIRECTORY

by: Jean Funk, Environment Chairperson

Ever wonder who else is working to safeguard Canada's environment? The Canadian Nature Federation's non-government organizations concerned with environmental issues.

Organizations are described in the following categories:
- Provincial, natioal, and international organizations
- Environmental advisory councils
- Provincial, federal, inter-governmental agencies
- Nature centres
- Museums of natural history
- Professional organizations
- Environmental lawyers
- Environmental consulting firms.

The date established, purpose, number of members, serialized and specialized publications, and recent activities of each organization are detailed.

Your Directory may be purchased for $5.00 plus 50¢ handling charge by writing to:
Canadian Nature Federation
75 Albert Street, Suite 203,
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6G1

Available from CCA Bookstore:
$4.95 plus $1.50 shipping

POEM

UNITY

Jesus help us live in peace,
From our blindness set us free.
Fill us with your healing love;
Help us live in unity.

Many times we disagree,
O'er what's right or wrong to do;
It's so hard to really see
From the other's point of view.

How we long for power and fame,
Seeking every earthly thing;
We forget the one who came
As a servant not a king.

Canada's Birthday

Don't just run it up the flagpole. Run it around the block.

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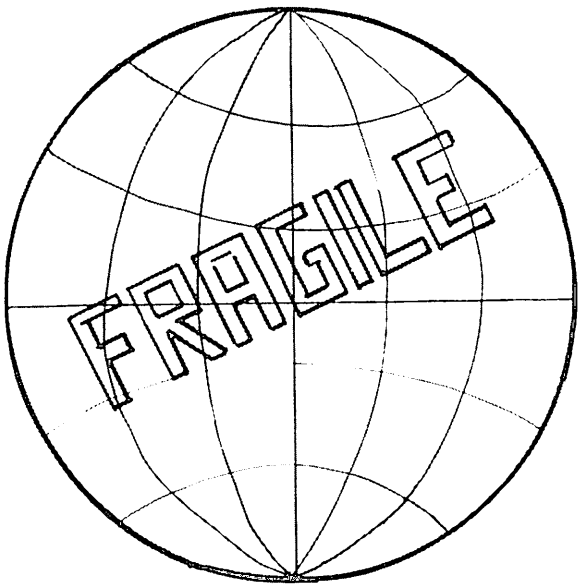

"OUR FRAGILE WORLD— A CHALLENGE FOR THE OUTDOOR COMMUNITY"

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS

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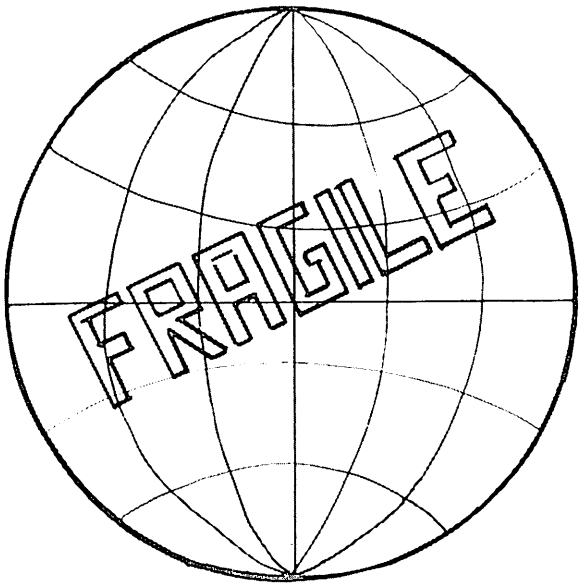

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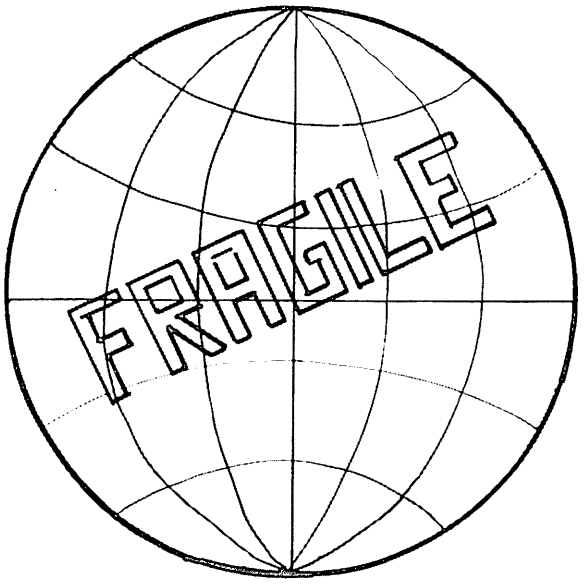

Specifically, the Congress shall seek:

To share current knowledge and techniques in organized camping and outdoor environmental and experiential education.

To consider global issues such as peace and conservation which can be impacted by the outdoor experience movement.

To explore with a global perspective the future trends of the camping, outdoor environmental and experiential education movement and the implication on culture.

To foster an atmosphere of personal sharing across international and interdisciplinary lines.

If you are a member of one of the aforementioned organizations, watch for further information from your organization. If you are not already a member of one of these organizations and wish to be placed on the mailing list for the Congress, write Second International Camping Congress, c/o American Camping Association, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, IN 46151.

*As of 1/84

Memorable Quotes from "Blackie" Blackstock

by: Adele and Harry Ebbs

C.R. BLACKSTOCK, 'Blackie' B.Sc. (McGill) L.L.D. (York)

Blackie was at Pickering College in 1928, during the same period as the late Taylor Statten, who realized the contribution he would make on staff at Camp Ahmek. However, this had to wait because Blackie was a Kitchikewana 'original'. He started the first year of that 'Y' camp on Beausoleil Island in 1921 as a very young counsellor, when Ernie Thurlow, boys work secretary for Simcoe County, was the director. Blackie rose to assistant director when Win Smith took over. He gave input to the current research being done by the Society of Camp Directors, of which he was a Founding Fellow, when he alleged that canoe trippers should be trained to handle risk and to anticipate it. For his contribution to the Ontario Camping Association he earned an Honourary Life Membership.

He did some summer courses at Wisconsin in out-door education, and finished his formal education at McGill, earning a Bachelor of Science. His Honour Doctorate was granted at York University in 1974.

In 1936 he directed Bolton Camp and for some years after that was the inspired and creative director of Camp Pinecrest. His interest and education in the out-of-doors he applied at Pickering College by exposing the boys to the first winter school-camping for a number of seasons at Limberlost Lodge.

For a man of his interests it was natural to seek fulfillment, along with compatible partners, by establishing a camp of their own. Since the beginning, in 1940, Camp Mazinaw has expressed Blackie's basic philosophy of excellence in endeavour and encouragement to all individuals whatever their ability. With the challenge of the great Bon Echo rock always in view, he has soared above to reach for the stars – and led all who would follow.

His influence has been felt all across Canada, first through the Canadian Red Cross and latterly for many years as executive secretary of the Canadian Association of Physical and Health Education. Even in retirement he was appointed consultant to the Sports Centre in Ottawa.

The following quotes are excerpts from the Camping Archives at Trent University:

Camping's Adventure

"There wasn't any real idea of going out and competing against nature for survival or something! This wasn't the idea behind most of the people, was it? I think it was more for enjoyment and well, maybe, an escape from the city."

"The adventure that any of us, no matter what age, but anybody that is young in mind or spirit will seek these. Like climb Everest. Why? You can't answer that question. You accept a challenge from nature, not to master it, but to live with it."

"The real thing about it is that we are children of the world and we live with the other creatures that are in it. And sure there's a survival element to it. You've got to be able to read the wind if you're going to canoe on some lakes, you've got to be able to read the water if you're going to travel some streams or rivers; you've got to be able to read the sky, or stars ... if you're going to find your way around in the bush; and it just depends on where your curiosity leads you."

Importance of Rules

"Those of us who have been teachers, and especially teachers of physical education – we've noticed this change, this disregard for rules. Rules are there to make any kind of competition human. You can go out and play football, and if you're playing for money, the chances are you'll do a lot of things that you wouldn't if you were out in the corner lot throwing a ball around. Now in the one case, you have a set of officials that endeavours to rule everybody that's playing, and their actions. But in the other case on the corner lot, or on the lawn, you rule yourselves. You know ruddy well that you're not going to do something to the other guy that he might do back to you, but better. Now this kind of rule was a ruling we've been brought up to respect. And even as a kid my parents would not let me get vicious with animals, whether they were domesticated, or wild. And so I wouldn't think of pushing a horse beyond what I should know is its capability. Cause I've been brought up to recognize. Or I couldn't go shooting, and just kill for the sake of killing. So I'm not a hunter. But I can live with those animals when I get out in the bush. So conservation isn't something that needs to be taught; you expose people to the situation, and they're sharp enough to see ... well gee, somebody's mucking up the water! Or look at all those trees; somebody left a fire, and they're all burned down. That hurts. Or you go along and see a bunch of fish up on the shore beside a fireplace, and they're left there to rot. Why not leave them in the water? You're not going to use it. You know, man is ... it still comes from heaven, and you can only take what you can use and the rest of it will go bad."

A Tough and Chellenging Interviewee

Q: Do you have trouble getting qualified staff members to work at your camp?
B.B.: "What do you mean by qualified?"
Q: Well first of all, they must have a mature, responsible attitude ...
B.B.: "How do you measure that?"
Q: The way they will carry out their actions – if you ask them to do something, you know that it will be done. And it will be done well. And if they can't do it, they will try.
B.B.: "Are you a qualified person?"
Q: I believe so, yes.
B.B.: "In whose opinion?"
Q: In my own! After all these years of ...
B.B.: "If I was a camp director and hiring you for the summer, which I well might do, how would I know that you were, before I saw you in action, at Mazinaw?"
Q: That's very difficult to tell. You could go by the sales-pitch that I could give you, and my background.
B.B.: "I might go by that."
Q: By sales-pitch, some people can come on very sincere, and when they get into the real situation they may have been sincere originally, but when they get into the real situation they might find it too much to cope with. This is what I mean by a sales-pitch.
B.B.: "Well, I don't pay very much attention to sales-pitches."
Q: Well, what do you look for in a person when you hire them?
B.B.: "A person that's interested in other people, more than himself."

His Philosophy

"Well, I don't care where the campsite is, as long as it provides an opportunity for people to learn to live in it. You could have a camp in the city, if your purpose was to have a kid learn to live in the city, comfortably, with others, eh? So really the site doesn't matter. It's what you take in the way of staff to the site. And they must have enough imagination, and initiative to exploit, if you like, but to develop that particular site to achieve the purpose which you set for yourselves. You can choose any purpose you like. Blair Fraser and Sigurd Olson, and Eric Morse – have camped all over the ancient riverways of this country. They know it. And they lived there. And they found out how others lived there, and travelled through it. Lorne Brown has a camp up on the High Savannahs of – in the caribou country in British Columbia. It's a small camp like this. Purposes aren't quite the same, specifically; but fundamentally they are. So, I just don't think that we, as people, and particularly Canadians, should not enjoy living in any part of it; and exploring it, for the fun of that exploration, and to satisfy our curiosity. The most important part is that people should know: 'The kingdom is where 2 or 3 are gathered together in My name'. In wonderment and in awe at the loveliness of life. And what other purpose is there for being alive? If you don't know your world, you'll be perfectly safe, if you just stay in one spot. The most important quality that a leader has is his curiosity. He doesn't centre on himself; he centres on other things. All will come back to him as he gives."

KIDNEY KIDS CAMP OUT OVERNIGHT

by: Dave Sands
Illahee Northwoods Camp

Camping programs have recently added a new dimension to the lives of children with severe kidney failure. Now, thanks to meticulous planning by Illahee Northwoods Camp staff, these boys and girls can even take overnight canoe trips.

For the past three years Illahee Northwoods Camp has provided a two-week camping experience for about 40 children with severe kidney disorders. The children come from across Canada and are sponsored by the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Illahee is a camp for children whose activity is limited by their health and it annually provides a camping experience for about 200 children with a variety of medical conditions.

Life at camp for the child with a kidney condition is circumscribed by the demands of treatment, either haemo-dialysis or continuous ambulatory peritineal dialysis, which takes a great lump of time out of their day. But with the dialysis unit right on the camp grounds treatment time is kept to a minimum. The unit is staffed for that one period by renal specialists (doctor, nurses and technicians) provided by the Kidney Foundation which also raised the money to construct and equip the building.

In November 1982, we got our senior camp staff together to brainstorm ways to make their stay more meaningful for these campers. It was decided to organize an overnight camping trip – an unlikely activity for a child accustomed to spending much of his life in hospitals. They would fit the trips between periods of dialysis or medication taking off after morning treatment one day, returning for treatment the next day.

Illahee Northwoods Camp

Planning the Trip

Every detail was thought through carefully in advance. A complete medical kit was assembled and extra medical staff assigned to the trip. With advance menu planning and pre-packaging the food was suited to their dietic needs, but still provided an outdoor and tripping flavour ... stew, french toast, puddings, etc. Contingency arrangements were made for possible emergencies. Once all plans were complete Sands proceeded to sell the idea of the trip to the skeptical renal medical staff, who finally gave permission for the first trip.

As a result, a group of twelve campers, five with kidney disorders, set ouf from Illahee in a pioneer camping venture. They were accompanied by three camping staff, a renal nurse and a regular camp nurse. Travelling in war or freighter canoes, they were shadowed by a distant motor boat ... just in case. One staff person, the tripper, knew that there was a truck parked near the remote campsite and a phone was also available, but these were not needed.

Camping Out

The trip was like any other camping trip at Illahee. The campers learned to build fires and cook their food. In the evening they had a singsong around the campfire and then slept on the ground in tents they had learned to pitch themselves. After preparing and enjoying a healthy morning breakfast they set out again in their canoes, heading back to camp and their very necessary medication and treatment.

For the children it was a complete new world, one they never had thought of entering. They were able to go home and tell their friends and they, too, had been camping outdoors ... at night ... in the wild. For the renal medical staff it was an eye-opener. Medically, the children had not suffered, but their self-confidence had soared. They saw themselves accomplishing normal, even a little risky, tasks and camp took on a new meaning to them. The medical team became staunch supporters of the trips and two more were undertaken before the boys and girls left camp. The out-trips will now be an integral part of the program for children with renal conditions.

Rabies – A Problem for Children's Camps

By: J.H. Ebbs, M.D.

The majority of children's camps are in areas away from cities and towns – in the country, rural areas and often close to or in wilderness districts.

Wild animals are numerous but only a percentage are seen.

Rabies was known for a long time in the Arctic and northern regions of Canada. I the 1950's, it spread south and east across the country, affecting mostly dogs and recently cows.

Prior to 1950 there were a few cases of rabies reported each year. The peak occurred between 1953 and 1958, while now there are about 1,000 per year.

In addition to cattle and dogs, it also occurs in cats, horses, sheep, goats and bats (the majority in western Canada and Ontario). The majority of rabid skunks were reported in Ontario and Saskatchewan (32%) while foxes (62%) were in Ontario.

Rabies in wild animals rises in the autumn as the young males spread out, while in early spring the females are affected during and following the litter.

While rabies is now largely controlled in cats and dogs by a higher percent of immunizations, it is still necessary to treat several hundred people a year who have been bitten or exposed to rabid animals. Fortunately the new vaccines and serums do not cause the severe illness which was common in the past.

At camp, all persons, bitten, scratched or in contact with a suspected animal, should as soon as possible have wounds, scratches and skin washed with soap and water or detergent and given a tetanus injection as well as antibiotics and an application of alcohol or iodine to the wound.

Prevention of rabies risk is to get rid of stray and suspicious animals – report them and if killed preserve the head intact for examination.

The seriousness of the disease demands strict practices for all personnel in camp with regard to animals.

1. Don't have domestic animals in camp which have not been vaccinated.
2. Avoid having pets in camp.
3. Caution all campers and staff to avoid contact with all animals – especially young ones.

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The Society of Camp Directors, in cooperation with the Canadian Camping Association will award a total of $450.00 in prizes for articles relating to camping. The winning articles will be published in the Summer 1985 issue of Canadian Camping.

La Société des directeurs des camps, de concert avec l'Association des camps du Canada, lance un concours de rédaction sur le camping et accordera 450,00$ en prix aux gagnants. Les articles sélectionnés paraîtront dans le magazine de l'Association, édition été 1985.

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Les articles peuvent être rédigés en français ou en anglais.

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YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR INSTITUTE

by: Ceciley Parker,
Institute Committee

1985 is the **International Youth Year.** To celebrate the occasion the Canadian Camping Association has organized a **Youth Camp Director's Institute,** to be held January 31st to February 3rd, 1985, at Bolton Camp and Conference Centre, Ontario.

Focusing on Youth, the four day event will address a variety of subjects under the theme headings of:

Youth - in a changing society
Youth - as world citizens
Youth - their development as leaders
Youth's - values of today, directions for tomorrow.

Some specific topics to be discussed include:

- youth as a minority
- volunteerism
- stress
- changing family structure
- addiction
- women's emergence
- communication (human and computer)
- camping as a lifetime activity
- impact of media on developing values
- developing responsibility, empathy, sympathy.

Leadership

The organizing committee is currently endeavouring to draw together internationally renowned speakers. Delegates from across Canada, representing new and experienced Directors, will be able to share experiences and ideas through workshops and discussions.

Cost

The $145.00 registration fee is all inclusive. It covers the Institute fee, accommodation, meals (Thursday dinner through to Sunday lunch), and return transportation from Pearson International Airport to Bolton Camp and Conference Centre. While delegates will be responsible for return transportation from their home province, there are some airfare subsidies available.

Further information will be available soon through your Provincial Camping Association. Since there will be a limit on the number of places available, we urge you to mark your calendar and apply early so that you may be part of this national gathering of directors. Institute registration information will be available by **September 1984.**

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Association of Environmental Education has organized an INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at:

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THEME: International Perspectives on Environmental Education: Issues and Actions

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The organizers of the conference are in the process of inviting specialists from various regions of the world to present workshops and papers at the plenary sessions. Anyone interested in making presentations at this conference should send abstracts to the Program Chairperson: Dr. Dorothy Cox, 32493 Shady Ridge Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan, U.S.A. 48018.

The conferences will be held in one of the most beautiful natural settings in North America and will intersperse speakers and discussion sessions of global importance with investigative field trips to such places as: Columbia Ice Fields, Dinosaur Provincial Park, Kananaskis Park Research Science and Outdoor Education Centre, Vermillion Lakes Area for Birding, Gas Processing Plants and others.

The conference will provide an outstanding opportunity for participants to interface on a personal basis with leading educators from all continents with opportunities to explore with professional interpreters the spectacular eastern slope of the Canadian Rockies.

For further information contact the Conference Chairperson: Dr. William B. Stapp, School of Natural Resources, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. 48109.

1987 International Camping Congress

By: Janet Adamson

Archie Bunker's chair, Franklin D. Roosevelt's state china, Shirley Temple's shoes - all this at the Smithsonian and an International Camping Congress, in Washington.

The 2nd International Camping Congress is to be held March 3-5, 1987 in Washington, D.C. The Canadian Camping Association is co-sponsoring the Congress with the American Camping Association and it promises to be an exciting international camping event.

The Congress will be held at the Shoreham Hotel, which is close to all the sights of Washington - the White House, Georgetown, Congress, and yes even the Pentagon.

Do plan to attend. (Start your "Send myself to Washington Fund" now!) Oh yes, the Smithsonian, which is actually seven museums, is free!

Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da

Environmental Activities

By: Jean Funk

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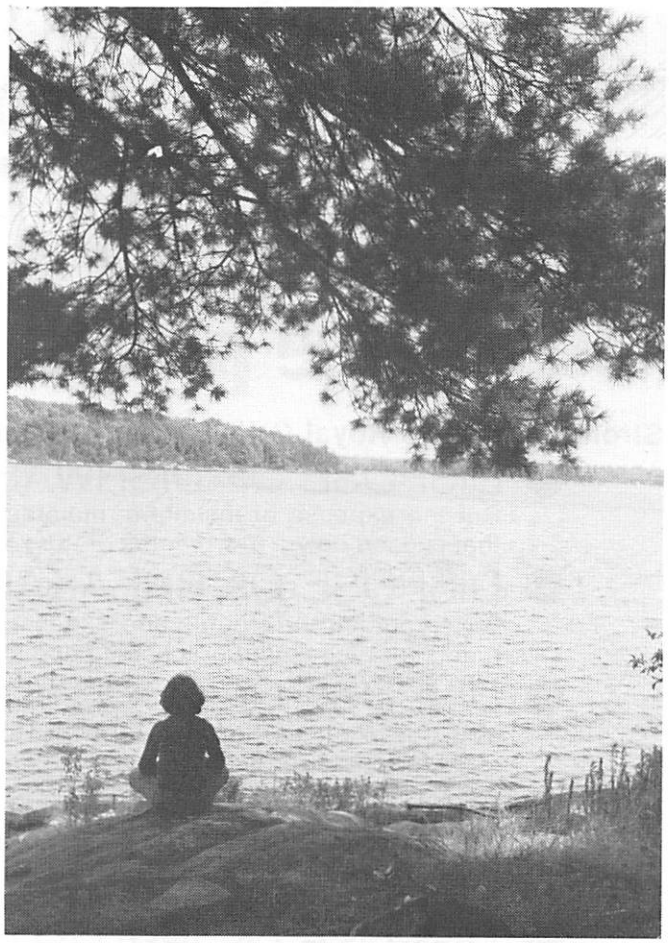
YOUR BIG BACKYARD is for children 3-5 years and RANGER RICK is for children 6-12 years. The National Wildlife Federation publishes both magazines. Subscription fees are $14.50 for 12 issues of RANGER RICK, and $12.50 for 12 issues of YOUR BIG BACKYARD. A variety of games, books and gift items are available. Contact: National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16 St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 U.S.A.



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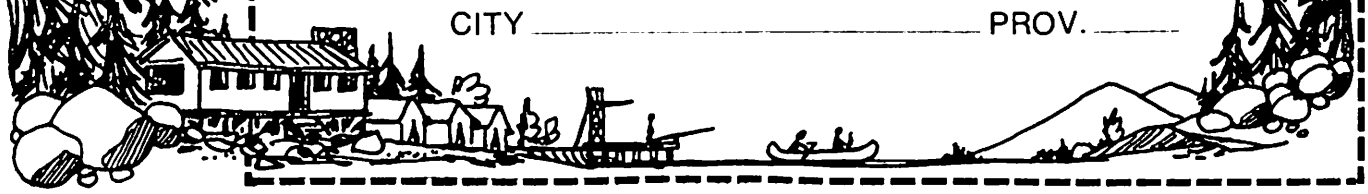

CAMPING ... THE LAST WORD!

by Kirsty Griffiths, Camping Coordinator, Ontario March of Dimes

First of all let me commend the CCA for devoting almost an entire issue to camping opportunities for disabled people. The issue of integration vs. segregation continues to be a difficult one for many people to come to terms with, including camp directors.

Sylvia Haynes' article "Camping is Fun! And it is for Everyone!" assists camp directors by identifying many factors they should consider. The intent of the article is excellent in: 1) promoting a camping experience for disabled youngsters in an integrated setting; 2) encouraging directors to plan and prepare beforehand; 3) encouraging the design of accessible facilities with a view to the future.

Being involved myself in a camping program for physically disabled adults I read the article with interest. Often those of us working with disabled people get caught up in the language and jargon of the discipline. It is my opinion that once the attitudinal barrier has been passed the process of integration, although involving much effort, is really not that difficult in a camping situation. It is for this reason that I feel I must comment, expand and attempt to clarify for the uninitiated the points raised in this article.

The author asks "What % of disabled/non-disabled?" It occurs to me that rather than setting a %, each Camp Director needs to determine what number of disabled children can be provided with a good experience at his/her camp - taking into consideration the child's disability, the view of parents of non-disabled children attending camp, number of staff, the physical site and the type of program the camp offers. Consideration must also be given to the physical, social and emotional needs of the potential camper.

The author asks "... a pool - is it warm enough to stand in for at least 40 minutes? - suggest 86". A heated pool is of course ideal but this shouldn't discourage the child from swimming, nor the Camp Director from accepting the child at camp. The disabled child has as much right to get cold and then feel the warmth of a fire and hot chocolate as any other child! However, common sense and flexibility should prevail. In a child with Cerebral Palsy for example - the muscles will tighten in cold water and this could be painful if the child gets very chilled.

The author asks "Are bunk beds OK? Yes ... as long as they are accessible from both sides". Yes, bunk beds are feasible, but you may not have access from both sides. Again don't let this deter you! Some children using wheelchairs transfer better from one side or the other. Let him pick their bed on either the right or the left side of the room or switch the pillow end when the make up their bed to accommodate their "good" side. A side rail might be appropriate in some cases. If this is not possible and the child is used to this security - just "bank" the mattress towards the wall. (i.e. put pillows or rolled up blankets between the mattress and the frame along the outside edge so the mattress is *gently* sloped to the wall. Lifting someone in and out of a bunk bed *is* inconvenient but it can be done if you are committed to having that child at camp.

There are many resources available to assist a camp director with the proper dimensions for the physical plant. I have attempted to list some of these at the end of my letter. Removable ramps may be necessary for some camps but the ideal is to build them well and have them permanent. Ramps can be used by everyone but stairs present a barrier to some.

The author describes the slope of the ramp as "One foot rise in 12 inches". I take issue with this description. It should read 1 *inch* rise in 12 inches or more clearly stated for every inch rise the ramp should extend 12 inches out. For example, if the step into a building is 6 inches high you will need a 6 foot ramp. If a long ramp is needed there can be an L shape with a landing. There should be a double railing on *both* sides of the ramp and a "lip" running along the edges of the ramp on the floor is advisable. A wheelchair must not be able to fall off a ramp or go through a railing.

The points regarding level of basins, soap dishes and mirrors in washrooms are well taken. However no mention is made of toilet stalls. Wider doors that open out as well as enlarged cubicles are needed. Again refer to the resources that are available for dimensions.

The author states that "Picnic tables ... can be accessible". For the uninitiated, the how is answered by simply removing the bench seat from one side to allow someone in a wheelchair to reach the table.

The author asks "How much of the rails should be changed?" I assume the author is referring to hand rails? There should be hand rails on both sides of stairways and they should be round, like piping rather than a 2 x 4 which is often used.

The author's point is well taken in suggesting you have a disabled person assist you in recommending adjustments to your site. But remember what may be right for one disabled individual may be a hindrance to another. Again it is advisable to follow universally accepted standards and adjust to suit your own situation.

The question about staff is raised. I fully agree that staff be prepared and I believe it is imperative that *all* the staff in your camp receive some basic practical and attitudinal training, not just those assigned to work with the disabled campers. Depending on the size of your staff and the scope of your program of integration this could be done in a morning or over a couple of days. The most important thing to remember is that your staff do *not* need to be specifically hired for their previous experience with disabled children. By contacting your local associations who work with sight or hearing impaired children, developmentally handicapped people or those individuals with physical disabilities you should find a wealth of information and people more than likely willing to come to your staff orientation period and provide this training.

With regards to "parents' apprehensions of mainstreaming". Assuming these are parents of your non-disabled children this is indeed a major consideration. This issue is far too large to discuss here but some things you might consider when integrating for the first time are: 1) a letter to the parents of your non-disabled campers outlining your intentions by discussing the positive nature of the program and assuring them their child is going to receive the same care and attention that he/she always does; 2) hold a meeting for parents - have an outside resource person available - perhaps another camp director who has been through the process or someone from a local association working with disabled persons. You certainly don't want to lose your regular clientele but I believe with the proper approach and a carefully thought out program you should receive a generally positive response.

For the most part the author has used the words disabled and handicapped as adjectives. However at times in the article - perhaps, for abbreviation sake, they are used as nouns. For example "Do not use labels on handicapped - this arouses immediate fears". Although a subtle distinction (and probably very unintentional) when referring to people with disabilities we all must make a very conscious effort to use these words as an adjective, always using words like children, people or individual as the noun. The words handicapped and disabled seem to be used interchangeably in the article. Our experience has shown that the word handicapped is not generally accepted by those people with physical disabilities. Your readers might be interested in knowing that the derivation of the word comes from cap in hand - a person begging for money. A child with a physical disability is just that - a child or person first and foremost. It should be the person that stands out to you - not the disability.

One area not discussed which I feel is extremely important is the preparation of the disabled youngster. A meeting with the child and his/her parents and the camp director is important. The family needs to find out about the camp, your philosophy of the program, staffing and decide if your camp will meet the needs of their child. The camp director must find out about the physical needs of the child as well as the child's expectations, fears, interests, etc. Sounds like something you would do with any child considering your camp! The last thing you want is to find that you can't meet the needs of the disabled child after he/she arrives at your camp. I have found that a curious mind which continually asks questions is very helpful.

For camp directors attempting to integrate for the first time - the more detailed and clear

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